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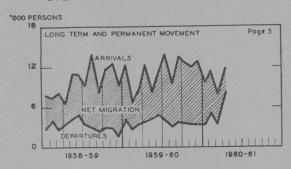
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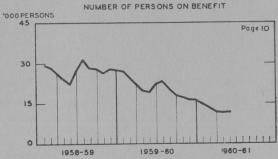
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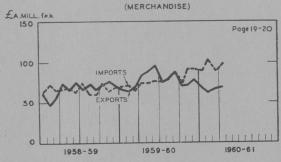
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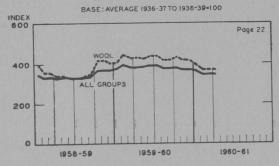
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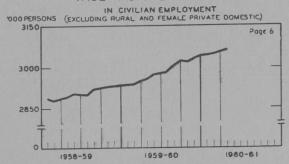
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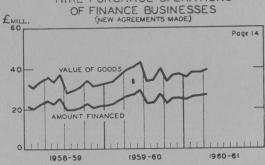
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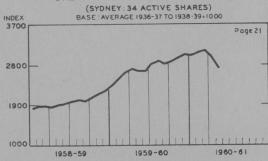
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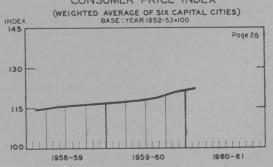
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## INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following page summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein:—

Period.		Civilian Er Rural a	nployment nd Female Domestics).	Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment (excluding Rural and Female Private Domestics). —End of Month.(a)	Average Weekly Wage Earnings (b) Index	Intern	al Trade.	(Merch only—Va	a Trade nandise lues f.o.b. hipment).	Building Approvals. (e)	New Houses and Flats Com- menced.
		Males.	Females.	Total.	(Base: 1953–54 = 100).	Whole-sale.(c)	Retail.(d)	Imports.	Exports.	(0)	(f)
derhand vited Minarcon Security (Security Security Securi		'000.	'000.	'000.		£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£'000.	No.
Monthly Average			72.0		72.0	37.2	n.a.	8.6	12.3	1,986	n.a.
1936–37		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	40.5	n.a.	10.6	11.7	2,307	n.a.
1937–38		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	39.8	n.a.	9.4	10.1	2,353	n.a.
1938–39		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.		179.5	459.5	56.5	67.7	27,035	(g) 19,219
1953–54		1,954	707	2,661	100.0						
1954–55		2,018	740	2,758	105.4	205.5	502.2	70.1	63.2	33,302	19,309
1955–56		2,067	769	2,836	112.2	221.3	537.9	68.2	64.2	36,140	18,15
1956–57		2,082	779	2,861	118.2	233.2	562.5	59.7 65.8	81.1 67.5	32,841 37,142	17,364 18,33
1957–58	• •	2,089	791	2,880	121.3	246.3 253.5	586.0 r613.7	66.2	67.3	41,314	20,42
1958–59		2,113	804	2,917	124.4 133.4	281.2	r660.3	77.1	77.2	50,310	22,83
1959–60		2,155	837	2,992	133.4	201.2	1000.5	//.1	11.2	50,510	22,03
Monthly Total— 1958–59—							r				
October		2,103	798	2,901		273.7	) (	65.5	74.0	40,489	)
November		2,103	804	2,915	124.5	274.7	675.3	67.5	66.2	35,742	18,78
December		2,117	804	2,911	[ 121.5]	275.0		61.9	75.7	33,292	
January		2,110	800	2,910	K >	205.2	1 >	74.4	66.9	31,148	1
February		2,121	810	2,931	124.2	239.1	>580.0	58.5	73.5	37,559	20,35
March		2,124	813	2,937		241.4		58.9	66.4	40,275	
April		2,127	813	2,940	lj >	264.8		73.1	72.2	47,971	1
May		2,128	813	2,941	≥125.5	242.8	>613.9	63.1	76.7	43,525	> 20,95
June		2,128	813	2,941		261.3		69.3	70.7	50,372	
1959–60—		,		,		•		p	p		
July		2,128	815	2,943		266.4		70.5	66.5	46,062	
August		2,129	815	2,944	129.6	273.8	>624.1	70.8	64.0	45,371	21,91
September		2,135	821	2,956		272.2		63.8	68.7	53,630	
October		2,139	825	2,964		287.0		73.8	83.7	57,497	
November		2,146	835	2,981	}130.5₹	297.6	\\ \\ 723.6\	74.1	86.8	51,355	21,90
December		2,148	837	2,985		308.4		76.0	96.1	43,366	
January		2,155	834	2,989	125.2	221.9	(20 0	75.3	73.0	36,305	22.56
February		2,167	846	3,013	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	271.8	628.9	78.3	79.1	43,509	22,56
March		2,174	852	3,026	\	304.3	3	88.0	87.9	59,942	
April		2,173	851	3,024	120 1	278.7	661 7	72.7 90.8		47,395	24,95
May		2,178	856	3,034	138.1	296.8 295.3	664.7	90.8	71.7 78.5	60,583 58,699	24,9
June		2,183	857	3,040		293.3		. 50.7	70.5	30,039	)
1960–61—		2 105	859	3,044	) (	278 1	) (	89.0	r66.7	58,875	)
July		2,185	859	3,044	137.8	299.2	667.5	103.5	r61.0	59,121	
August		2,188	865	3,049	(157.05)	277.2	(007.3)	87.9	65.1	61,271	
September		2,191		3,065		-		99.5	68.8	59,522	
October		2,196	869	3,003				99.3	00.0	39,322	

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service trainees in camp. See note (b), page 8. (b) All industries: seasonally adjusted. Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment, plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. (c) Net sales recorded under Sales Tax Acts. (d) Quarterly average sales for years and quarterly total sales. Excludes the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory. Excludes Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (e) Includes permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorized by government authorities. (f) Includes owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years and quarterly totals. From September quarter, 1954, includes the Northern Territory. (g) Partly estimated.

# INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

Period.	Production of	Total Electricity Generated.	Production of Ingot	Veh Registe (excl Defence	Motor icles ered(a) uding e Service icles).	Govern- ment Railways: Gross	P.M.G.'s Depart- ment Cash		Trading ks.(b)	Bank Debits to Cus- tomers'
	Coal.		Steel.	Motor Cars.	Com- mercial Vehicles, etc.	Revenue.	Receipts.	Deposits.	Advances.	Accounts (Weekly Averages)
	'000	Million	'000	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£m.	£m.	£m.
Monthly	tons.	kWh.	tons.							
Average—										
1936–37	977	331	90.0	4.0	2.0	3,517	1,318	297.6	262.5	n a
1937–38	990	363	97.2	4.6	2.3	3,705	1,316	314.8	274.4	n.a. n.a.
1938–39	1,051	391	97.5	4.5	2.1	3,662	1,447	317.7	288.1	n.a.
1953–54	1,619	1,142	176.4	10.5	4.8	14,155	5,650	1,275.5	658.5	447.0
1954–55	1,613	1,264	184.1	13.9	5.6	14,498	6,069	1,310.7	776.8	492.1
1955–56	1,586	1,399	193.4	13.6	5.8	14,765	6,612	1,295.4	804.4	522.0
1956–57	1,643	1,531	231.2	12.5	4.9	15,737	7,519	1,328.0	762.6	563.3
1957–58	1,697	1,649	253.1	13.8	5.6	14,928	8,065	1,391.3	774.3	592.7
1958–59 1959–60	1,705	1,761	267.0	14.2	6.2	15,430	8,622	1,376.3	807.0	637.4
1959–60 <b>Monthly</b>	pr1,769	p1,945	p291.9	17.7	7.0	16,265	10,136	1,453.1	818.3	747.3
Total—										
1958–59—						(c)				
October	1,993	1,774	266.1	16.1	6.5	16,422	9,299	1,352.7	830.9	640.6
November	1,764	1,660	263.5	14.8	6.2	15,087	7,784	1,372.2	824.6	645.2
December	1,367	1,638	270.7	15.9	6.6	15,436	9,714	1,393.4	808.2	707.7
January	1,134	1,591	268.3	12.4	5.1	14,609	7,872	1,402.0	794.8	525.2
February March	1,660 1,673	1,574 1,688	244.7	13.5	5.9	14,699	7,823	1,419.9	775.3	672.9
April	1,721	1,731	275.0 266.2	13.2 15.1	6.1 7.0	15,411 16,354	8,450 9,700	1,431.6	764.3	664.5
May	1,690	1,893	288.2	13.1	6.8	15,520	8,432	1,416.3 1,379.1	782.2 790.1	639.8 679.1
June	1,801	1,987	291.7	13.7	6.8	15,204	9,768	1,379.1	790.1	677.6
1959-60-	p	p	р			,	,,,,,	1,077.0	,,,,,,	077.0
July	1,909	2,121	290.7	15.7	7.5	16,317	9,517	1,375.9	805.4	705.5
August	1,812	2,032	285.0	15.6	6.9	16,259	8,100	1,375.4	803.1	647.6
September	1,913	1,930	277.0	17.3	7.3	16,989	9,110	1,404.2	800.6	713.1
October November	1,872 1,843	1,941 1,840	306.5 297.0	19.1	7.6	16,633	9,796	1,431.7	814.6	736.5
December	1,270	1,781	297.0	18.7 20.8	7.5 7.8	16,083	9,366	1,457.2 1,484.2	817.2	746.8
January	1,294	1,735	283.9	13.4	4.8	15,619 14,578	11,571 9,309	1,484.7	806.3 798.4	815.5 658.7
February	1,726	1,766	273.9	17.1	6.5	15,279	9,894	1,505.0	795.4	739.3
March	1,980	1,937	296.0	19.8	7.7	17,456	11,711	1,517.5	800.4	783.8
April	r 1,663	1,872	293.0	17.0	6.1	15,560	9,620	1,492.7	837.8	754.3
May	r 1,969	2,177	313.2	19.0	7.6	16,820	11,020	1,463.0	863.0	819.8
June	r 1,973	2,212	305.1	18.7	7.4	17,588	12,616	1,460.1	875.4	821.4
1960–61— July	1,949	2,312	309.3	10 0	7.5	16 462	0.021	1 420 1	012.0	035.0
July August	2,184	2,312	332.2	18.9	7.5 8.1	16,463 18,509	9,931	1,438.1	913.0	835.0
September	2,035	r 2,121	309.7	21.1	7.6	18,374	11,457 11,036	1,432.5 1,426.2	918.8 929.5	805.5 797.4
October	1,938	2,081	315.2	22.8	7.3	10,5/4	11,125	1,448.3	942.4	831.6

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes the Northern Territory prior to July, 1953; also extra-metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938–39. (b) Until December, 1946, averages of deposits and advances on Mondays in period; thereafter on Wednesdays. (c) Prepared from monthly railway returns and not strictly comparable with annual figures above, which include certain details not available on a monthly basis.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, ——, see page 1.

#### POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS: AUSTRALIA.

Period.		Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase.(a)	Net Oversea Migration.(b)	Total Increase.(c)	Population at end of Period.
Quarterly Average—								
1950–51		19,211	48,114	19,896	28,218	33,244	(d) 60,770	8,421,775
1951–52		18,896	49,228	20,661	28,567	25,720	( <i>d</i> ) 53,671	8,636,458
1952–53		17,870	50,739	20,023	30,716	14,516	(d) 44,726	8,815,362
1953–54		17,827	50,400	20,390	30,010	13,263	(d) 42,792	e8,986,530
1954–55		17,848	51,213	20,541	30,672	22,868	53,540	9,200,691
1955–56		18,169	52,719	20,712	32,007	24,710	56,717	9,427,558
1956–57		18,111	53,753	21,467	32,286	21,594	53,880	9,643,079
1957–58		18,511	55,265	21,150	34,115	16,650	50,765	9,846,140
1958–59		18,458	56,495	22,013	34,482	19,289	53,771	10,061,222
1959–60		18,859	57,157	22,056	35,101	19,779	54,880	10,280,742
Quarterly Total— 1956–57—								
June Qtr. 1957–58—	• •	18,971	53,450	20,353	33,097	18,545	51,642	9,643,079
September ,,		16,050	56,008	25,695	30,313	16,547	46,860	9,689,939
December ,,		19,850	55,354	20,264	35,090	22,442	57,532	9,747,471
March ,,		18,459	55,777	18,223	37,554	16,210	53,764	9,801,235
June "		19,686	53,921	20,418	33,503	11,402	44,905	9,846,140
1958–59—								
September "		15,569	57,575	24,829	32,746	17,640	50,386	9,896,526
December "		20,287	55,231	20,253	34,978	20,114	55,092	9,951,618
March ,,		18,726	54,289	19,104	35,185	21,862	57,047	10,008,665
June ,,		19,249	58,883	23,867	35,016	17,541	52,557	10,061,222
1959-60-								
September ,,		15,927	58,071	25,513	32,558	17,504	50,062	10,111,284
December ,,		20,461	55,733	20,728	35,005	19,884	54,889	10,166,173
March ,,		19,173	55,810	20,192	35,618	25,598	61,216	10,227,389
June ,,		19,875	59,013	21,792	37,221	16,132	53,353	10,280,742

<sup>(</sup>a) Excess of births over deaths. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. (c) Includes natural increase and net oversea migration. (d) Includes adjustments of population between July, 1933 and June, 1954, on the basis of Census results. (e) Census 30th June.

#### POPULATION: STATES.

Note.—For dates subsequent to the Census of 30th June, 1954, the estimated population in each State represents the population ascertained at the Census, plus natural increase and recorded net migration into the State since the Census. As complete records of interstate migration are not available, the estimated State populations so derived are approximate, and are subject to revision when the actual population of each State is ascertained at the next Census. For some States such revisions were substantial after the Census of 1954.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas- mania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
30th June—									
1949	 3,092,621	2,142,986	1,159,124	679,305	532,191	267,062	13,391	21,386	7,908,066
1950	 3,193,372	2,208,078	1,196,185	709,547	557,096	275,902	14,692	23,824	8,178,696
1951	 3,278,032	2,276,575	1,227,701	732,430	580,343	286,193	15,609	24,892	8,421,775
1952	 3,339,455	2,344,491	1,259,478	755,053	599,858	296,299	15,464	26,360	8,636,458
1953	 3,383,792	2,395,254	1,291,410	775,781	620,547	304,080	15,853	28,645	8,815,362
1954(a)	 3,423,529	2,452,341	1,318,259	797,094	639,771	308,752	16,469	30,315	8,986,530
1955	 3,490,331	2,523,018	1,344,572	819,549	658,538	314,679	17,580	b 32,424	9,200,691
1956	 , ,	2,605,088	1,370,697	848,526	677,389	319,648	18,297	b 34,481	9,427,558
1957	 3,622,906	2,673,498	1,396,740	873,123	691,882	327,895	19,170	c 37,865	9,643,079
1958	 3,689,175	2,741,397	1,417,404	896,750	705,250	335,418	19,579	41,167	9,846,140
1959	 3,756,375	2,814,523	1,440,998	920,835	719,164	342,315	20,942	d 46,070	10,061,222
1960	 3,828,315	2,891,748	1,463,245	945,247	730,581	347,438	21,800	52,368	10,280,742

<sup>(</sup>a) Census. (b) Revised estimates based on the results of the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra are as follows:—1955, 32,750; 1956, 35,135. (c) Estimate based on the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra. (d) Estimate based on the June, 1959, Population Count of Canberra.

## OVERSEA ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

"Long term and permanent movement" relates to persons other than Australian troops who state they intend to reside for a period of one year or more—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. "Short term movement" relates to persons who intend residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops from July, 1947 onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

			Short Term	Movement.		Long Term	and Permanen	Movement.
Period.		Australian	Residents.	Visitors fro	m Overseas.			F
		Returning.	Departing.	Arriving.	Departing.	Arrivals.	Departures.	Excess of Arrivals.
Monthly Average—								
1950-51		2,812	2,617	3,594	3,753	12,774	1,729	11,045
1951–52		3,251	3,233	3,895	4,085	10,872	2,126	8,746
1952–53		3,351	3,427	3,838	4,198	7,991	2,717	5,274
1953–54		3,648	3,556	3,953	3,906	7,206	2,924	4,282
1954–55		4,107	4,013	4,277	4,220	10,348	2,877	7,471
1955–56		4,719	4,469	4,608	4,515	11,052	3,159	7,893
1956–57		4,604	4,162	5,532	5,617	10,050	3,209	6,841
1957–58		4,844	4,714	4,922	4,964	8,998	3,536	5,462
1958–59		4,999	4,933	5,361	5,481	9,725	3,242	6,483
1959–60		5,527	6,113	6,332	6,516	11,140	3,777	7,363
Monthly Total—								
1957–58—								
April		4,280	7,442	5,196	5,621	11,743	4,795	6,948
May		4,008	5,585	4,395	4,971	7,424	3,297	4,127
June		3,752	4,368	3,527	3,983	10,916	3,777	7,139
1958-59-								
July		4,408	3,916	4,043	3,858	7,794	2,883	4,911
August		5,037	4,003	4,337	4,742	7,372	4,193	3,179
September		5,764	3,089	4,733	4,600	8,151	2,715	5,436
October		5,509	3,526	5,271	5,198	6,617	3,454	3,163
November		5,663	3,916	5,631	5,596	11,018	4,195	6,823
December		5,184	7,306	7,660	5,364	10,873	4,757	6,116
January		6,231	4,649	5,554	7,008	9,191	3,387	5,804
February		5,033	5,120	6,238	6,021	14,003	2,941	11,062
March		4,428	5,432	6,444	6,455	8,113	2,360	5,753
April		4,058	7,579	5,139	6,554	11,760	3,149	8,611
May		4,185	6,353	4,862	5,972	12,576	3,029	9,547
June 1959–60—	• •	4,490	4,304	4,421	4,402	9,229	1,837	7,392
July		3,761	4,775	4,043	4,781	12,414	4,320	8,094
August		4,927	4,164	4,808	4,658	6,554	2,761	3,793
September		5,957	4,710	5,858	5,602	8,454	3,501	4,953
October		7,396	4,696	6,480	6,513	12,435	3,937	8,498
November		5,956	4,189	6,290	6,578	8,213	4,273	3,940
December		5,332	8,660	7,983	7,486	11,080	4,949	6,131
January		6,849	4,883	6,696	7,331	14,022	4,132	9,890
February		5,243	5,328	7,146	6,424	9,396	3,074	6,322
March		5,655	8,318	8,122	7,886	13,672	3,827	9,845
April		4,910	9,372	6,490	7,434	12,557	3,600	8,957
May		4,774	7,451	6,172	7,066	11,980	3,512	8,468
June		5,564	6,804	5,896	6,437	12,907	3,442	9,465
1960-61-		,		,		_,,-	,,,,,	- ,
July		4,815	5,034	5,871	5,620	9,665	3,406	6,259
August		6,186	6,069	6,607	7,076	11,333	4,951	6,382
September		6,818	4,417	5,950	6,524	7,782	3,357	4, 425

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.(a)

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	(Excludin	vilian Em g Rural ar te Domes	nd Female	То	otal Civili	an Employ	yees in Ma	in Industi	rial Group	os.
Month.	Govern- mental Authori- ties.(b)	Private Em- ployers.	Total.(c)	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Factories.	Building and Con- struction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Com- merce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services.
				MALES.		,				
1957—June			2,085.4	56.3	780.2	207.4	313.0	129.6	214.0	193.1
1958—June		1,476.1		51.6	791.1			132.7	216.3	196.3
1959—June		1,493.7	,	49.1	805.6			133.6	221.5	201.5
1960—June	 633.3	1,550.1	2,183.4	49.3	836.7	206.6	312.0	137.3	231.1	210.2
1959—July	 633.4	1,494.9	2,128.3	48.9	807.6	204.4	313.0	133.6	220.5	202.0
August			2,128.8	48.9	808.8			134.1	221.0	
September			2,135.3	49.0	812.6			134.3	223.2	
October			2,138.5	49.0	813.8			134.8	224.6	
1960—July			2,184.9	49.5	838.7			137.5	229.8	
August	 630.8	1,556.7	2,187.5	49.4	839.7	206.3		138.1	231.2	
September	 629.4	1,561.7	2,191.1	49.2	842.7	205.8		138.5	232.7	
October	 628.8	1,567.6	2,196.4	49.3	844.3	206.5				
				FEMALES						
1957—June	 132.8	647.4	780.2	1.2	242.9	5.3	40.1	121.6	90.3	241.9
1958—June	 136.6	655.9	792.5	1.1	244.0			125.6		
1959—June	 143.9	669.1	813.0	1.1	248.9			126.5	95.3	
1960—June	 150.2	707.1	857.3	1.1	268.1			133.1	101.5	
1959—July	 144.5	670.1	814.6	1.1	249.1	5.7	40.2	126.4	95.2	257.6
August	 144.2	671.1	1	1.1	250.9			126.4	95.2	
September	 144.2	676.7		1.1	253.9			120.3		
October	 144.3	680.9		1.1	256.0			128.5	95.8	
1960—July	 150.4	708.2		1.1	268.8			133.4	101.7	
August	 150.4	711.1		1.2	270.1		40.8	133.4	101.7	
September	 150.2			1.2	271.9		41.0	135.1	101.3	
October	 150.7			1.2	272.7		41.4	136.8	102.2	
				PERSONS		0.12		150.0	102.2	200.0
1957—June	 742.3	2.123 3	2,865.6		1,023.1	212.7	353.1	251.2	304.3	435.0
1958—June		,	2,890.4		1,025.1			258.3	304.3	
1959—June			2,940.6		1,054.5			260.1	316.8	
1960—June			3,040.7		1,104.8			270.4		
1959—July	777 0	2 165 0	2,942.9	50.0	1,056.7	210.1	353.2	260.0	215 7	150 (
August			2,942.9		1,050.7			260.0		
September			2,944.1		1,066.5			261.5		
October			2,963.7		1,069.8			263.3	318.7 320.4	
1960—July			3,043.5		1,107.5			270.9	331.5	
August			3,043.3		1,107.8			270.9	331.5	
September			3,056.1		1,114.6			273.6		
October			3,065.4		1,117.0			276.0		
	 1 , 17.5	-,200.)	, 5,005.7	50.5	1,117.0		332.1	270.0	550.1	700.0

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes permanent Defence Forces in Australia and overseas and National Service Trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is obtained from annual Factory Censuses, returns of Government employment, Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections. (b) Includes all employees of Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post offices, air transport, education, broadcasting, television, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia. (c) See note (b), page 8. (d) Includes education, health, hotels and restaurants, other professional and personal services (except female private domestics).

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.(a)

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Month.		New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australiar Capital Territory.	Australia
				1	Males.					
1957—June		810.2	586.0	282.6	186.4	138.4	66.0	5.8	10.0	2,085.4
1958—June			592.9	282.8	186.0	138.6	67.0	5.6	11.1	2,083.4
1959—June			603.4	287.8	192.0	140.0	67.6	5.9	11.9	2,127.6
1960—June	٠.	845.1	620.6	290.6	196.8	141.7	69.3	6.3	13.0	2,183.4
1959—July		818.6	603.7	288.4	192.3	140.1	67.4	6.0	11.8	2 120 2
August		819.2	603.8	288.1	192.5	139.9	67.4	5.9	12.0	2,128.3
September		822.8	605.5	287.2	193.4	140.7	67.5	6.0	12.0	2,128.8
October		823.8	607.0	287.1	193.4	141.0	68.0	6.0	12.2	2,135.3
10/0 7 1					1,00.1	111.0	00.0	0.0	12.2	2,138.5
1960—July	٠.	846.1	620.7	291.5	196.4	141.9	69.1	6.4	12.8	2,184.9
August		847.7	621.5	290.9	196.3	142.7	69.1	6.5	12.8	2,187.5
September		850.3	622.9	289.7	196.6	143.1	69.0	6.5	13.0	2,191.1
October		852.3	625.4	289.1	197.5	143.2	69.3	6.4	13.2	2,196.4
				Fi	EMALES.					
1957—June		309.3	240.4	95.8	62.4	44.5	22.9	1.2	2.7	700.2
1958—June		314.4	244.5	95.9	63.4	45.6	23.5	1.3	3.7	780.2
1959—June		320.4	252.8	97.9	65.9	47.0	23.3	1.4	4.3	792.5
1960—June		339.6	266.3	101.8	69.9	49.1	24.2	1.6	4.8	813.0 857.3
1959July		321.5	253.0	98.4	(( 0	47. 0	22			
August		321.5	253.4	98.8	66.0 66.2	47.0	22.9	1.4	4.4	814.6
September		324.2	255.0	99.1	66.8	46.9	22.7	1.4	4.4	815.3
October		326.2	256.6	98.8	67.2	47.3 47.6	22.6 22.8	1.4	4.5	820.9
10/0 11						17.0	22.0	1.4	4.0	825.2
1960—July		340.2	266.8	101.9	70.1	49.2	24.0	1.6	4.8	858.6
August		341.6	266.6	102.8	70.4	49.7	23.7	1.6	4.9	861.3
September		343.2	268.4	102.6	70.6	50.1	23.6	1.6	4.9	865.0
October	٠.	345.6	269.5	102.6	70.9	50.3	23.6	1.6	4.9	869.0
				PE	RSONS.					
1957—June		1,119.5	826.4	378.4	248.8	182.9	88.9	7.0	12 7	2065
1958—June		1,128.3	837.4	378.7	249.4	184.2	90.5	6.9	13.7 15.0	2,865.6
1959—June		1,139.4	856.2	385.7	257.9	187.0	90.9	7.3	16.2	2,890.4
1960—June	٠.	1,184.7	886.9	392.4	266.7	190.8	93.5	7.9	17.8	2,940.6 3,040.7
1959—July		1 140 1	056 7	206.0	250.2					
August	٠.	1,140.1	856.7	386.8	258.3	187.1	90.3	7.4	16.2	2,942.9
September	٠.	1,140.7	857.2	386.9	258.7	186.8	90.1	7.3	16.4	2,944.1
October		1,147.0	860.5	386.3	260.2	188.0	90.1	7.4	16.7	2,956.2
Octobel		1,150.0	863.6	385.9	260.6	188.6	90.8	7.4	16.8	2,963.7
1960—July		1,186.3	887.5	393.4	266.5	191.1	93.1	8.0	17.6	3,043.5
August		1,189.3	888.1	393.7	266.7	192.4	92.8	8.1	17.7	3,048.8
September		1,193.5	891.3	392.3	267.2	193.2	92.6	8.1	17.7	3,056.1
October		1,197.9	894.9	391.7	268.4	193.5	92.9	8.0	18.1	3,065.4
(a) Excludes R	ural	Female Pr					: A 1		10.1	5,005.4

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes Rural, Female Private Domestics, permanent Defence Forces in Australia and overseas and National Service Trainees in camp. See note (b), page 8, and notes on page 6.

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)(b)

WAGE	HITAI	U 0	ALA	IX I	HILLY	LIND	TATATT	LOIL		ACIC		(u)(b)
										Australia.		
Period.		New outh	Vic-	Queens-	South Aus-	Western Aus-	Tas-				ended J	Av. 3 years June, 1939 1,000.
Terrod	1	ales.	toria.	land.	tralia.	tralia.	mania.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Un- adjusted.	Divided by Index of Total Population.
Monthly	of '(	000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.		
<b>Figures</b> — 1936–37	1	97.8	183.0	45.9	39.3	21.4	11.8	359.6	139.6	499.2	950	959
1005 00		215.6	193.6		42.6					535.9		
1000 00		219.5	193.9		42.0	1	13.2				,	1,022
1952–53	3	364.6	297.0	88.4	77.8	42.7	22.4	687.6	205.3	892.9	1,698	
1953–54	3	386.3			82.7							
		103.0	332.6	1	86.6							
		117.0	341.3		89.9							
	1	120.1	341.0	1	89.2		1					
10 50 50		129.2 133.4	344.8 348.7				1					
10 50 60		148.9										
Month—  1958–59— Septembe October Novembe December January February March April May	22 r 2 c 2 c 2 c 2 c 2 c 2 c 2 c 2 c 2	432.8 433.0 434.2 431.3 430.1 433.1 434.2 434.8 436.0	346.3 348.1 346.7 347.5 353.4 354.1 353.2 351.5	101.7 101.6 95.0 96.0 99.2 98.6 99.3 100.0	90.2 90.4 90.2 91.6 91.5 92.2 91.9	45.7 45.7 45.7 45.4 45.4 45.7 46.1 46.2 45.9	26.2 26.5 27.7 28.1 27.2 27.5 2.28.1 28.0	796.9 799.4 792.4 795.0 800.2 802.4 804.3	246.2 247.1 244.2 243.7 249.9 250.3 249.2 248.4	1,043.1 1,046.5 1,036.6 1,038.7 1,050.1 1,052.7 1,053.5 1,053.1	1,984 1,990 1,972 1,975 1,997 2,002 2,004 2,003	1,375 1,376 1,361 1,361 1,373 1,374 1,374 1,370
August Septembe October Novembe Decembe January February March April May June	22 200	438.0 439.1 442.9 444.6 447.0 446.8 448.5 453.1 454.8 455.6 457.2 459.4	353.2 355.7 358.1 360.3 360.3 362.8 366.7 369.3 367.3 368.6	2 102.1 101.2 100.0 8 97.7 6 94.2 95.6 98.4 98.7 100.0 101.5	92.8 93.7 94.0 94.6 96.1 96.5 97.7 97.2 97.3	3 45.5 46.0 46.1 5 46.5 46.2 46.6 46.7 46.6 46.4 46.4 46.4 46.4	5 27.0 27.0 27.0 5 27.5 2 28.4 29.2 7 28.5 28.6 4 28.8 5 28.8	808.8 812.6 813.8 815.3 813.7 819.3 825.5 825.5 829.1 830.7	250.9 253.9 256.0 258.2 257.0 258.2 257.0 258.9 264.4 266.8 264.6 266.6	1,059.7 1,066.5 1,069.8 1,073.5 1,070.7 1,078.2 1,089.9 1,095.9 1,095.3	7 2,016 2,028 3 2,035 5 2,042 7 2,036 2 2,051 2 2,073 2 2,082 2 2,083 2 2,083 2 2,083	1,372 1,378 1,381 1,383 1,376 1,383 1,395 1,400 1,397 1,400
	4		371.3 373.4		97.8 98.	3 47.3 1 47.3	3 28.5 7 28.3	839.7	270.1 7 271.9	1,109.8 1,114.6	2,111 5 2,120	1,405 1,410

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes National Service Trainees in camp. (b) Factory employment figures for periods to June, 1959, represent actual employment as recorded at successive annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1959, the figures are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

('000.)

Period.		New South	Victoria.	Queens-	South	Western	Tasmania.		Australia.(b	)
		Wales.		land.	Australia.	Australia.	rasmama.	Males.	Females.	Persons
Average of Mont Figures— 1953–54	hly	93.0	67.5	30.6	23.1	19.0	7.5	127.2	114.0	241.2
1954–55 1955–56		96.3 97.7	69.9 71.4	31.2 31.7	24.2 25.3	19.6 19.8	7.7	129.7 130.6	120.0	249.7 254.9
1956–57 1957–58		96.3 98.8	71.2 72.5	32.0 32.5	24.8 24.7	19.7 20.0	7.9 7.8	130.1 132.4	123.0 125.2	253.1 257.6
1958–59 1959–60		99.3 101.0	74.3 75.8	32.5 33.4	25.0 25.8	20.9 21.8	7.6 7.9	134.0 136.3	127.1 130.9	261.1 267.2
At end of Month— 1958–59—										
October November December		98.9	74.0 75.6	32.3 33.0	24.8 25.4	20.6	7.5 7.6	133.2 135.8	126.4 130.7	259.6 266.5
January February		106.0 98.6 98.0	76.5 74.4 74.9	33.4 32.5 32.3	25.8 25.1	21.7	7.9	139.1 134.1	133.5 127.0	272.6 261.1
March April		97.7 97.9	74.9 74.3 74.2	32.3 32.2 32.2	24.9 25.0 25.0	20.8 20.8 20.8	7.5 7.5 7.6	133.9 133.3 133.1	126.0 125.9	259.9 259.2
May June		99.0 98.4	74.2 74.0	32.9 32.5	25.1 25.0	21.1	7.7	133.1 133.9 133.6	126.1 127.6 126.5	259.2 261.5 260.1
1959-60-										200.1
August		98.4 98.5	74.0 73.9	32.6 32.7	25.0 25.0	21.0 21.1	7.8 7.7	133.6 134.1	126.4 126.3	260.0 260.4
October		98.8 99.1 103.5	74.3 74.7 76.9	32.8 33.1 33.5	25.2 25.5 26.2	21.2 21.6 21.9	7.7	134.3	127.2 128.5	261.5 263.3
December		106.7 100.8	78.7 75.8	35.0 33.4	26.3	21.8	7.9 8.2 8.1	137.1 141.0 136.3	134.3 137.2 131.2	271.4 278.2 267.5
February March		100.3 101.0	76.3 76.0	33.2	26.1 25.9	21.8	8.0	136.8	130.4	267.3 267.2 267.4
May		101.0 102.5	75.9 76.6	33.4 33.9	25.9 26.2	22.0 22.5	7.9	136.2 137.6	131.5	267.7 271.3
	• •	101.8	76.5	33.7	26.4	22.5	7.9	137.3	133.1	270.4
1960–61— July		102 1	76.6	22.7	26.2	22 (	7 0	107.	400	
A		102.1 102.6	76.6 76.6	33.7	26.3	22.6	7.9	137.3	133.4	270.7
0 1		102.0	77.5	34.0	26.3	23.0	8.0	137.9 138.5	133.8 135.1	271.7 273.6
0 1		104.0	78.0	34.8	26.6	23.1	7.9	139.2	136.8	276.0

<sup>(</sup>a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Excludes National Service Trainees in camp. (b) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

# UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS.(a)

NUMBERS OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

			1,	ONIDERS	01 1 21100							
				**	1	- 4				Sickness.	Spe	cial.
				Un	employme	nt.				Sickness.	Ordinary.	Migrant.b
Period.												
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas- mania.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	Australia	Australia	Australia.
Average of Monthly Figures— 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53 1953–54 1954–55 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58 1958–59 1959–60	(c) 287 (c) 949 c17,590 c 6,495 1,440 1,362 4,151 8,706 11,588 7,718	71 220 6,168 2,698 538 479 3,349 5,127 5,743 4,267	1,374 4,281	(d) 6 (d) 24 (d) 842 (d) 252 66 83 702 1,566 1,603 1,227	59 64 841 406 153 515 1,972 2,360 2,838 2,460	14 16 262 212 81 57 134 512 611 561	(e) (e) (e) (e) 1 1  9 5	(f) (f) (f) (f) 3 6 15 32 40 26	763 2,647 29,984 13,232 3,690 4,014 12,666 23,900 27,311 20,706	7,059 6,454 7,140 7,994 7,984 7,303 6,992 7,314 8,241 8,722	863 993 1,408 1,868 1,983 1,973 2,012 2,107 2,147 2,290	(g) (g) (h) 415 426 484 464 823 611 463 344
Last Saturday of  Month—  1958–59— October November December January February March April May June	10,267 9,827 11,819 12,794 12,032 11,952 12,237 12,116 12,062	5,656 4,916 5,436 5,389 4,572 4,548 5,136 5,643 6,013	2,874 3,031 5,460 8,359 6,866 6,769 5,057 5,631 4,477	1,706 1,505 1,703 1,461 1,321 1,116 1,254 1,317 1,332	2,709 2,354 2,501 3,009 2,914 2,850 2,652 2,674 2,939	789 635 580 411 454 398 446 497 670	1 2 4 10 10 7 10 4 5	35 32 62 53 38 29 32 42 30	24,037 22,302 27,565 31,486 28,207 27,669 26,824 27,924 27,528	8,188 8,450	2,214 2,293	539 426 519 390 872
July August September October November December January February March April May June	12,524 10,888 9,232 7,832 6,954 7,381 7,849 6,568 6,011 6,058 5,719 5,605	6,012 5,281 4,302 3,727 4,044 3,946 3,263 3,254 3,588 3,768	6,472 5,356 4,306 3,382	1,152 988 1,034 1,324 1,375	2,993 2,670 2,436 2,113 2,538 2,638 2,325 2,073 2,084 2,075	798 932 816 714 600 546 397 371 286 352 424 500	5 4 6 5 5 4 7 6 6 6 3 5 3	45 39 30 30 21 22 27 27 27 22 17 17 20	24,887 22,163 19,598 19,037 22,469 23,781 20,020 18,042 17,732 16,765	9,069 9,223 8,977 8,990 8,525 8,188 8,458 8,458 2, 8,842 2, 8,346 5, 8,693	2,187 2,268 2,241 2,245 2,244 2,326 2,403 2,410 2,379 2,275	470 199 624 131 436 480 118 388 0 661 87
July August September October	4,461 3,837	3,052 2,584	2,059 2,140 2,468	1,177 1,033	1,977 1,573 1,425	587 590 596 452	10	10 17	13,331 11,783 10,364	9,134 8,974 8,987	2,300 4 2,262 7 2,365	127 61

<sup>(</sup>a) As furnished by the Department of Social Services.

Capital Territory. (d) Includes the Northern Territory.

Wales. (g) Not available. (h) Eight months only.

<sup>(</sup>b) In reception and training centres.

<sup>(</sup>e) Included with South Australia.

<sup>(</sup>c) Includes the Australian (f) Included with New Soutl

# UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS—continued.

Number admitted to Unemployment Benefit and Amount paid in Benefits(a): Australia.

	Number ad	mitted to Un Benefit.	employment		Amount paid	l in Benefits	during Mont	h.
Period.	Moles	Ferrales	D	Unem-		Spec	ial—	
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	ployment.	Sickness.	Ordinary.	Migrants. (b)	Total.
Monthly Average—				£	£	£	£	£
1950–51 1951–52 1952–53 1953–54 1954–55 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58	1,771 12,793 4,368 1,529 2,525 6,811 9,951	111 520 1,797 810 496 590 1,192 2,039 2,466	992 2,291 14,590 5,178 2,025 3,115 8,003 11,990 12,085	5,204 15,584 380,812 208,788 56,620 59,877 174,670 409,981	62,143 59,157 116,108 139,633 133,987 122,698 124,877 154,771	5,568 6,913 16,198 25,639 24,847 25,585 26,954 32,868	13,519 2,317 8,171 4,561 4,535 5,433 6,785 13,275	86,434 83,971 521,289 378,621 219,989 213,593 333,286 610,895
1959–60	6044	2,466	9,019	496,604 375,375	183,044 186,523	34,963 37,323	6,414 5,191	721,025 604,412
Monthly Total—  1958–59— October November(c) December January(c) February March	7,786 10,291 17,160 9,567 7,709	1,714 2,323 1,906 2,603 2,580 2,652	8,245 10,109 12,197 19,763 12,147 10,361	482,293 431,353 393,651 605,009 573,460 472,622	192,288 195,064 156,186 171,145 168,319 174,224	34,680 34,838 31,778 29,778 37,133 34,235	4,731 1,661 5,979 12,245 9,395 5,915	713,992 662,916 587,594 818,177 788,307 686,996
April May( $c$ ) June	8,094 10,863 8,880	2,748 3,416 2,492	10,842 14,279 11,372	508,367 492,654 470,654	194,758 196,075 183,081	40,303 37,562 35,002	5,911 6,511 11,647	749,339 732,802 700,384
1959–60— July August(c) September October(c) November December January(c) February March April(c)	8,467 8,942 6,145 5,974 5,776 8,226 11,686 6,021 5,062 6,514	2,605 2,697 1,814 2,038 1,549 1,725 2,352 2,093 2,166 2,305	11,072 11,639 7,959 8,012 7,325 9,951 14,038 8,114 7,228 8,819	535,299 442,688 419,221 385,693 338,603 386,552 450,906 383,919 337,923 319,914	220,331 184,902 202,451 195,201 188,423 182,536 176,289 178,087 208,492 169,458	42,890 34,048 39,707 35,905 38,135 36,809 35,276 40,066 42,317 36,908	9,177 12,854 2,802 2,678 Cr. 856 2,971 6,224 5,541 4,333 5,056	807,697 674,492 664,181 619,477 564,305 608,868 668,695 607,613 593,065 531,336
May June	5,355 5,160	1,864 1,688	7,219 6,848	277,399 226,387	166,673 165,438	34,985 30,831	8,817 2,689	487,874 425,345
$\begin{array}{cccc} 1960-61-&&&\\ \text{July}(c)&&&\\ \text{August}&&&\\ \text{September}&&&\\ \text{October}(c)&&&\\ \end{array}$	5,881 4,187 3,184 3,748	2,111 1,403 1,222 1,493	7,992 5,590 4,406 5,241	279,413 244,317 233,440 181,457	185,592 190,022 196,814 176,053	35,609 33,720 36,554 34,826	3,122 3,790 2,433 606	503,736 471,849 469,241 392,942

<sup>(</sup>a) Number admitted and amount paid during the four weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month except where otherwise shown. (b) In reception and training centres. (c) Number admitted and amount paid during the five weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month.

# VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(a): COMMODITY GROUPS.

(Figures from 1952-53 inclusive adjusted on a basis comparable with the 1956-57 Retail Census.)

The figures in the table below relate to retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, repairs, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) by establishments which normally sell goods by retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks and yards. Hotels, garages and service stations are also included in respect of goods sold, but establishments such as clubs and guest houses are entirely excluded. Figures for the years 1952–53 and 1956–57 are derived from censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas other figures are estimates made by means of sample surveys.

(£ million.)

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Period.	Gro- ceries.	But- chers' Meat.	Other Food.	Beer, Wine and Spirits.		Foot-wear.	Hard-ware.	Electrical Goods.	Furni- ture.	Chemists' Goods.	News- papers, Books and Stat- ionery.	Other Goods. (e)	Total (Excl. Motor Vehi- cles, etc.).	Motor Vehi- cles, Parts, Petrol, etc.(f)
Quarterly														
Average— 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52	40.2 46.5 58.2	18.9 23.1 29.7	32.9 38.9 47.0	26.2 30.8 38.5	66.0 82.1 87.9	1	16.6 22.8 27.4	10.9 16.2 19.4	13.6 19.2 19.0		51.1 63.1 76.9		276.4 342.7 404.0	68.3 95.5 108.3
1952–53	65.3	31.9	51.6	43.3	76.5	12.2	28.0	19.0	18.2	12.7	13.3	52.7	424.7	104.8
1953–54 1954–55 1955–56	68.7 75.5 82.2	33.5 36.7 39.7	55.9 61.6 67.3	46.7 51.1 55.5	96.1 104.1 108.1	8	30.7 34.0 36.1	22.8 24.8 26.2	20.2 21.6 23.0		84.1 92.1 99.6		459.5 502.2 537.9	123.5 142.9 153.4
1956–57	86.0	42.6	70.7	59.4	95.2	14.9	36.3	28.4	23.1	19.2	17.3	69.4	562.5	158.1
1957–58	89.6	42.7	73.6	62.0	112.	8	36.6	34.6	24.4		109.7		586.0	171.4
1958–59 1959–60—p Quarterly Total—	94.3 r99.6	44.7 47.2	78.5 83.5	61.3 64.6	101.2		r39.6 r42.1	39.9 47.5	25.0 28.3	23.9 25.7	18.7	70.4 74.5	r613.7 r660.3	186.3 214.6
1956–57— Sept. Qtr Dec. ,,	85.6 89.9 82.7 85.7	42.8 43.0 41.9 42.7	69.2 73.6 70.3 69.6	54.0 64.9 61.3 57.5	102. 128. 94. 115.	0 9	35.3 40.3 34.2 35.3	24.7 34.2 26.5 28.1	23.3 26.1 20.9 22.3		100.1 120.6 100.5 102.7		537.1 620.6 533.2 559.1	164.0
1957–58— Sept. ,, Dec. ,, Mar. ,, June ,,	86.9 92.6 88.2 90.6	43.6 42.0 41.9 43.3	69.9 77.4 74.7 72.5	57.3 69.1 63.6 58.2	106. 132. 94. 117.	3 9	35.7 41.2 34.8 34.5	30.0 39.2 35.2 33.9	24.2 27.4 22.4 23.6		103.7 126.3 104.4 104.6		557.4 647.5 560.1 578.9	180.1 167.4
1958–59— Sept. " Dec. " Mar. " June "	91.7 99.0 92.1 r94.5	43.9 r44.6 43.6 r46.5	73.7 81.7 82.1 76.6	56.1 67.1 64.1 57.8	95.7 117.6 r82.8 108.6	18.6 14.1	r37.8 45.2 37.0 r38.5	39.2 45.9 36.4 38.1	24.8 28.1 22.0 24.9	22.4 25.6 r22.6 24.9	17.2 21.3 18.5 17.9	67.8 80.6 r64.7 68.6	r585.4 r675.3 r580.0 r613.9	r 195.7 177.7
1959–60—p Sept. ,, Dec. ,, Mar. ,, June ,,	97.0 104.1 r97.6 r99.8	47.4 46.4 45.9 r49.1	79.4 88.4 84.1 r82.0	58.9 70.6 67.5 61.4	r 125.7 91.9	16.6 20.4 15.4 19.3	39.8 47.9 40.0 r40.9	r43.8 r53.3 46.0 47.0	27.5 31.8 25.8 28.0	24.3 27.9 24.8 25.7	18.4 22.7 20.2 19.1	69.6 84.4 69.7 74.2	r 624.1 r 723.6 r 628.9 r 664.7	r 228 . 7 207 . 6
1960–61—p Sept. "	103.5	51.3	84.3	60.7	107.7	18.2	42.3	46.4	30.3	27.0	19.6	76.2	r 667.5	237.1

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (c) Excludes basic building materials (e.g., timber, building sheets, tiles, joinery, cement). (d) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc. (e) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, etc. (f) Includes tractors, new and used motor vehicles, etc., but excludes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, etc.

# RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES.

The following statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Agreements originally made between retailers and customers, and subsequently assigned to finance businesses are excluded from the particulars of agreements made during each month, but from the time of assignment, are included in the figures for balances outstanding.

# NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA.

	Period.				Value of	Goods.(a)	Amount I	Financed.(b)	Average
	Period.			Number of Agreements.	Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	Proportion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed.(b) (Per cent.)
				Motor Vehi	CLES, TRAC	CTORS, ETC.		1	I
Monthly Avera	ge—							1	1
1956–57				26,424	18,718	708	11,407	432	61
1957–58				29,848	21,467	719	13,110	439	61
1958–59				32,944	23,764	721	14,749	448	62
1959–60				37,218	27,628	742	17,681	475	64
Monthly Total- 1959-60—	_						- 1,001	173	04
October				40,661	30,236	744	19,098	470	63
November				39,453	30,379	r770	19,302	r489	64
December				42,448	32,588	768	20,800	490	64
January				34,328	23,903	r696	15,442	450	65
February				34,940	25,498	730	16,310	467	64
March				39,855	29,363	737	18,857	473	
April				32,913	25,135	764	16,306	495	64
May				36,284	27,777	766	18,068	493	65
June				36,626	28,148	769	18,354		65
1960-61-				r	r	707	r 10,334	501	65
July				35,457	27,311	r770	17,716	500	
August				38,135	29,544	775	19,095	500	65
September				36,826	29,035	r788		501	r65
October p				36,754	29,341	798	18,779 18,900	510 514	r65 64
				PLANT A	nd Machi		10,500	314	04
Monthly Averag	ge—					TELLI.			
1956-57				1,802	1,207	670	764	424	(2
1957–58				1,872	1,322	706	851	r455	63
1958-59				2,596	1,832	706	1,174	r452	64
1959-60				r2,855	2,208	773	1,174		64
Monthly Total— 1959–60—	_			,	2,200		1,449	507	66
October				3,231	2,481	r 760	1 (25	#0.0	
November			i	3,536		768	1,625	503	65
December				3,469	2,986	844	1,901	538	64
January				2,342	2,738	789	1,810	522	66
February		• •		2,342	1,810	773	1,190	508	66
March			• •	,	1,974	734	1,304	485	66
April				r3,360	r2,743	816	r1,815	540	66
May	• •	• •	• •	2,505	2,066	825	1,369	547	66
Luno		• •	• •	2,759	2,190	794	1,435	520	66
1960-61-		• •		r2,722	2,357	866	1,587	583	67
Teeler				r 2 906	r	r	r	r	
A	• •			2,806	2,288	815	1,537	548	67
September				2,789	2,239	803	1,487	533	66
0 1				2,979	2,488	835	1,633	548	66
Остобег р				3,834	3,792	989	2,487	649	66

<sup>(</sup>a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. For meaning of symbols p, r see page 1.

## RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES—continued.

NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA—continued.

					Value of	Goods.(a)	Amount F	inanced.(b)	Average Proportion
	Period.			Number of Agreements.	Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	of Hire Purchase Sal Financed.(b (Per cent.)
			ŀ	Household A	ND PERSON	IAL GOODS.			
Monthly Avera	ige—						2.54	-	00
1956–57				56,473	4,437	79	3,564	63	80
1957–58				67,949	6,965	103	5,648	83	81
1958-59				69,689	6,951	100	5,714	82	82
1959–60				r70,912	r7,260	r102	r5,981	84	82
Monthly Total									
1959-60-				r	r		r		
October				73,854	7,382	100	6,103	83	83
Novembe	r			76,867	7,624	99	6,283	82	82
December	r			92,195	8,807	96	7,289	79	83
January				77,751	7,601	98	6,252	80	82
February				66,450	6,910	104	5,603	84	81
March				72,251	8,133	113	6,675	92	82
April				59,785	6,207	104	5,149	86	83
May				67,643	7,291	108	6,031	89	83
June				67,499	7,426	110	6,142	91	83
1960-61-		• •		07,499	7,420	r	0,172		
				65,132	6,656	102	5,488	84	r82
July					6,685	114	5,540	r94	
August				58,840			,	91	83
Septembe				58,743	6,456	110 106	5,335	87	
October	р		• •	61,132 Total	6,482 (ALL Goo		5,320	07	02
				101AI	(ALL GOO				
Monthly Aver	age—			04.600	24.262	200	15 725	106	6.5
1956–57				84,699	24,362	288	15,735		
1957–58				99,669	29,755	299	19,609		
1958–59				105,229	32,547	309	r21,637		
1959–60	• •			r110,985	r37,096	334	r25,111	226	6
Monthly Tota	l—								
1959–60—				r	r		r		
October				117,746	40,099	341	26,826		
Novembe	er			119,856	40,989	342	27,486		
Decembe	er			138,112	44,133	320	29,899		
January				114,421	33,314		22,884		
February				104,081	34,382	r330	23,217	223	
March				115,466	40,239		27,347		6
April				95,203	33,408		22,824		
May				106 606	37,258		25,534		6
June				106,847	37,931		26,083		
1960-61-				100,017	- 1,501	r	30,000	r	
July				103,395	36,255		24,741		6
				99,764	38,468		26,122		
August				00 540	37,979		25,747		
Septemb				101 730	39,615		26,707		
October	р			101,720	39,013	309	20,707	203	0

<sup>(</sup>a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

For meaning of symbols p, r see page 1.

# RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES—continued.

BALANCES OUTSTANDING (INCLUDING HIRING CHARGES AND INSURANCE), STATES.(a) (£'000.)

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As at—		New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia
1955—								
31st March		65,216	41,994	27,622	17,722	13,197	6,434	172,185
30th June		68,952	44,830	29,240	18,633	14,151	7,012	182,818
30th September		75,069	48,592	31,298	19,930	15,078	7,460	197,427
31st December		79,546	53,582	32,764	21,547	16,080	7,951	
1956—		,	00,002	32,701	21,547	10,000	7,931	211,470
31st March		78,777	55,393	32,350	21,507	15,844	8,033	211,904
30th June		79,100	56,369	32,266	21,618	15,388	8,163	212,904
30th September		80,850	58,158	33,962	22,772	15,276	8,497	219,515
31st December		83,831	61,458	36,089	24,734	15,877	9,033	231,022
1957—						,	,,,,,,	231,022
31st March		83,868	62,214	36,608	25,216	15,331	9,049	232,286
30th June		85,480	64,255	36,934	25,342	15,488	9,023	236,522
30th September		89,018	67,416	37,962	25,788	15,982	8,985	245,151
31st December		96,761	74,144	40,286	27,426	17,470	9,457	265,544
1958—								
31st March		103,427	79,195	41,266	27,859	18,155	9,796	279,698
30th April		106,083	81,631	41,552	28,288	18,534	9,916	286,004
31st May		109,753	83,841	42,111	28,585	18,859	9,926	293,075
30th June		111,872	84,652	42,483	28,688	19,052	9,928	296,675
31st July		114,519	86,322	42,903	28,799	19,160	9,930	301,633
31st August		117,209	87,625	43,420	29,060	19,363	10,008	306,685
30th September		120,375	89,609	44,361	29,630	19,605	10,148	313,728
31st October		123,646	91,708	45,474	30,235	20,107	10,305	321,475
30th November		126,998	94,005	46,303	30,878	20,708	10,420	329,312
31st December 1959—		130,813	96,302	47,472	31,780	21,201	10,784	338,352
31st January		132,164	07 101	17 701	22.054	21 200	10.77	
28th February			97,101	47,784	32,054	21,308	10,775	341,186
31st March		133,424 134,777	97,626	48,097	32,181	20,570	10,770	342,668
30th April		/	98,035	48,488	31,978	20,526	10,747	344,551
31st May		137,455	99,162	48,928	32,152	20,699	10,755	349,151
30th June		139,278	99,831	49,348	32,517	20,818	10,693	352,485
31st July		141,028	100,193	49,451	32,802	20,779	10,696	354,949
31st July 31st August		142,857	100,251	50,221	33,566	20,878	10,817	358,590
30th September		144,700	101,506	50,926	33,981	21,107	10,920	363,140
31st October		147,077	103,540	51,905	34,954	21,407	10,988	369,871
		150,139	r106,046	r53,385	35,897	21,991	11,101	r378,559
30th November		153,053	r108,326	r55,215	37,069	22,892	11,390	r387,945
31st December 1960—	• •	157,293	r112,211	r56,093	38,680	23,633	11,733	r400,443
31st January		158,807	r 112,759	r56,971	39,252	23,716	11 676	102 101
29th February		158,994	112,739	r57,167	39,232	/	11,676	403,181
31st March		160,185	116,009	57,633	40,434	22,865	11,651	404,125
31st April		161,510			41,160	23,279	11,560	409,100
31st May	• •	162,447	115,948	58,152		23,687	11,628	412,085
30th June	• •	163,808	116,849	59,122	42,069	24,430	11,701	416,618
31st July	٠.		118,493	59,721	42,922	25,169	11,835	421,948
31st August	• •	r164,351	119,138	r60,501	r43,348	r25,894	r12,163	425,395
30th September		r165,580	119,166	r61,431	r44,172	r26,480	r12,368	429,197
31st October p		r168,278	120,234	r62,570	r45,079	r26,727	r12,633	435,521
Jist October p		169,528	121,514	63,386	45,723	27,362	12,651	440,164

<sup>(</sup>a) Balances outstanding on existing agreements entered into at any time. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.

#### WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustment to be made to the crude figures on this account.

(£ million.)

							Average Mo	onthly Net Sal	es Record
		Period					Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total
							15.4	21.8	37.2
								23.6	40.5
							16.4	23.4	39.8
							38.0	72.2	110.2
							46.1	94.9	141.0
							52.0	110.1	162.1
							46.3	111.8	158.1
							57.3	122.2	179.5
							63.9	141.6	205.5
							66.5	154.8	221.3
							(5.1	1.60 1	222.2
		• •							233.2
	• •					• •			246.3
									253.5
	• •		• •				85.0	196.2	281.2
		Monthly 8½ %	12½%	Net Sales at $16\frac{2}{3}\%$	t each Rate	30 %	Month	ly Net Sales R	ecorded.
									1
		14.0	22.4	10.0	0 0	12.2	90.5	102 2	272
		14.9	33.4	10.0	8.9	13.3	80.5	193.3	
		15.8	36.9	11.1	9.0	14.2	87.0	185.2	272.2
		15.8 16.7	36.9 38.5	11.1 10.5	9.0 8.9	14.2 15.4	87.0 90.0	185.2 197.0	272.2 287.0
		15.8 16.7 18.7	36.9 38.5 41.2	11.1 10.5 10.8	9.0 8.9 9.4	14.2 15.4 15.9	87.0 90.0 96.0	185.2 197.0 201.6	272.2 287.0 297.0
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		15.8 16.7 18.7 21.1	36.9 38.5 41.2 44.0	11.1 10.5 10.8 11.1	9.0 8.9 9.4 10.5	14.2 15.4 15.9 14.3	87.0 90.0 96.0 101.0	185.2 197.0 201.6 207.4	272.2 287.0 297.0 308.4
		15.8 16.7 18.7 21.1 12.7	36.9 38.5 41.2 44.0 30.5	11.1 10.5 10.8 11.1 7.9	9.0 8.9 9.4 10.5 6.0	14.2 15.4 15.9 14.3 9.9	87.0 90.0 96.0 101.0 67.0	185.2 197.0 201.6 207.4 154.9	272.2 287.0 297.6 308.4 221.9
		15.8 16.7 18.7 21.1 12.7 15.5	36.9 38.5 41.2 44.0 30.5 33.5	11.1 10.5 10.8 11.1 7.9 10.4	9.0 8.9 9.4 10.5 6.0 6.9	14.2 15.4 15.9 14.3 9.9 17.4	87.0 90.0 96.0 101.0 67.0 83.7	185.2 197.0 201.6 207.4 154.9 188.1	272.2 287.0 297.0 308.4 221.9 271.8
		15.8 16.7 18.7 21.1 12.7 15.5 16.6	36.9 38.5 41.2 44.0 30.5 33.5 37.0	11.1 10.5 10.8 11.1 7.9 10.4 11.2	9.0 8.9 9.4 10.5 6.0 6.9 8.4	14.2 15.4 15.9 14.3 9.9 17.4 16.4	87.0 90.0 96.0 101.0 67.0 83.7 89.6	185.2 197.0 201.6 207.4 154.9 188.1 214.7	273.8 272.2 287.0 297.6 308.4 221.9 271.8 304.3
		15.8 16.7 18.7 21.1 12.7 15.5 16.6 14.4	36.9 38.5 41.2 44.0 30.5 33.5 37.0 32.8	11.1 10.5 10.8 11.1 7.9 10.4 11.2 9.8	9.0 8.9 9.4 10.5 6.0 6.9 8.4 7.7	14.2 15.4 15.9 14.3 9.9 17.4 16.4 13.6	87.0 90.0 96.0 101.0 67.0 83.7 89.6 78.3	185.2 197.0 201.6 207.4 154.9 188.1 214.7 200.4	272.2 287.0 297.6 308.4 221.9 271.8 304.3 278.7
		15.8 16.7 18.7 21.1 12.7 15.5 16.6 14.4 16.5	36.9 38.5 41.2 44.0 30.5 33.5 37.0 32.8 34.3	11.1 10.5 10.8 11.1 7.9 10.4 11.2 9.8 11.1	9.0 8.9 9.4 10.5 6.0 6.9 8.4 7.7 9.3	14.2 15.4 15.9 14.3 9.9 17.4 16.4 13.6 15.7	87.0 90.0 96.0 101.0 67.0 83.7 89.6 78.3 86.9	185.2 197.0 201.6 207.4 154.9 188.1 214.7 200.4 209.9	272.2 287.0 297.6 308.4 221.9 271.8 304.3 278.2
		15.8 16.7 18.7 21.1 12.7 15.5 16.6 14.4	36.9 38.5 41.2 44.0 30.5 33.5 37.0 32.8	11.1 10.5 10.8 11.1 7.9 10.4 11.2 9.8	9.0 8.9 9.4 10.5 6.0 6.9 8.4 7.7	14.2 15.4 15.9 14.3 9.9 17.4 16.4 13.6	87.0 90.0 96.0 101.0 67.0 83.7 89.6 78.3	185.2 197.0 201.6 207.4 154.9 188.1 214.7 200.4	272.2 287.0 297.6 308.4 221.9 271.8 304.3 278.2
		15.8 16.7 18.7 21.1 12.7 15.5 16.6 14.4 16.5	36.9 38.5 41.2 44.0 30.5 33.5 37.0 32.8 34.3	11.1 10.5 10.8 11.1 7.9 10.4 11.2 9.8 11.1	9.0 8.9 9.4 10.5 6.0 6.9 8.4 7.7 9.3	14.2 15.4 15.9 14.3 9.9 17.4 16.4 13.6 15.7	87.0 90.0 96.0 101.0 67.0 83.7 89.6 78.3 86.9	185.2 197.0 201.6 207.4 154.9 188.1 214.7 200.4 209.9	272.2 287.0 297.6 308.4 221.9 271.8 304.6 278.6
				Monthly Taxable 1	Monthly Taxable Net Sales a	Monthly Taxable Net Sales at each Rate	Monthly Taxable Net Sales at each Rate of Tax.	Taxable Goods.  15.4 16.9 16.9 16.4  38.0 46.1 52.0 46.3 57.3 57.3 63.9 66.5  65.1 70.8 74.2 85.0  Monthly Taxable Net Sales at each Rate of Tax.	Taxable Goods.  15.4 21.8 16.9 23.6 16.4 23.4  38.0 72.2 46.1 94.9 46.1 94.9 52.0 110.1 46.3 111.8 57.3 122.2 63.9 141.6 65.1 168.1 66.5 154.8  65.1 168.1 70.8 175.5 74.2 179.3 Monthly Taxable Net Sales at each Rate of Tax.  Monthly Taxable Net Sales at each Rate of Tax.

<sup>(</sup>a) Preliminary and partly estimated. For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

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				Produ	icers' N	1aterials	for use in	1—								
						Manı	ufacturing				Fue		Auxil	-	Munit	
Period.	Buildin Constru			ral stries.	Ve	otor hicle nbly. <i>ab</i>	Oth		Tota (c)		Lubrica		Produc (e)	tion.	and Stor	
	Class	I. A.	Class	І. в.	Class	I. c (5).	Class I.	(1–4).	Class	s I.	Class	II.	Class	III.	Class	VII.
Monthly  Average—  1936–37  1937–38  1938–39  1953–54  1954–55  1955–56  1956–57  1957–58  1958–59  1959–60 p	347 472 385 1,946 3,044 2,567 2,062 1,928 1,899 2,689	4.4 4.1 3.4 4.3 3.8 3.5 2.9 2.9		1.5 1.8 0.8 0.7 0.8 0.9 1.1 1.0	$\begin{cases} (f) \\ 5,672 \\ 4,300 \\ 4,751 \end{cases}$	7.2 7.8	3,269 4,094 3,448 19,548 25,691 25,665 24,723 27,115 26,692 30,588	38.6 36.5 34.6 36.7 37.7 41.4 41.3 40.3	4,721 4,004 21,935 29,252 g34,454 31,647 34,532	44.5 42.4	784 736 5,633 4,790 3,889 2,343 2,026	7.4 7.8 10.0 6.9 5.7 3.9 3.1 3.5	480 476 1,995 2,503 2,357 2,191 2,223 2,204	4.5 5.1 3.5 3.6 3.4 3.7 3.4 3.3	31 36 88 351 728 1,071 745 676 721	0.3 0.9 0.6 0.9 1.6 1.2 1.0
Monthly Total— 1958–59— October	1,676		822		5,159	7.9	25,655		33,312	50.8			2,425	3.2	1,035	
November December January February March April May June	1,763 2,277 2,108 1,405 1,564 1,899 1,858 2,154	2.5 3.7 2.8 2.4 2.7 2.6 2.9	729 620 519 625 579 822 710 673	1.1 1.0 0.7 1.1 1.0 1.1	5,820 4,616 4,924 3,953 3,962 6,662 5,244 5,172	8.7 7.5 6.6 6.7 6.7 9.1 8.3 7.5	27,836 26,321 33,314 23,548 22,347 26,246 26,351 27,240		36,148 33,834 40,865 29,531 28,452 35,629 34,163 35,239	53.7 54.6 54.9 50.4 48.3 48.8 54.1 50.9	2,820 2,400 1,814 2,873 2,583 2,184 2,841 1,784 2,079	3.6	2,897 2,691 2,612 1,664 1,750 2,368 1,863 2,151	4.0 4.3 4.3 3.5 2.8 3.0 3.3 3.0 3.1	1,059 579 467 499 781 709 884 641 436	0.9 0.8 0.6 1.3 1.2 1.2
July August September October November December January February March April May June	2,259 2,108 2,049 2,059 2,063 1,997 2,340 3,123 3,792 2,740 3,576 4,160	3.0 3.2 2.8 2.8 2.6 3.1 4.0 4.3 3.8 3.9		1.0 0.8 1.0 0.8 1.0 0.7 0.9 0.9 0.8	5,206 5,992 5,032 4,991 5,418 5,388 7,482 5,829 9,029 7,542 8,833 8,366	7.4 8.4 7.9 6.8 7.3 7.1 9.9 7.4 10.2 10.4 9.7 9.2	28,312 26,742 26,975 30,858 29,966 30,342 30,417 29,643 33,055 27,563 36,659 36,522		36,413 35,542 34,587 38,638 38,028 38,493 40,770 39,308 46,652 38,425 49,761 49,844				,	3.3 3.2 3.6 3.9 3.1 3.0 3.1 2.7 2.8 4.2 2.4 2.8		0.8 0.6 0.5 2.0 1.2 1.2 3.0
July August September October	3,701 5,191 4,232 4,472	5.0 5.0	761 873	0.7	7,334 9,168 7,167 7,473	8.2 8.8 8.1 7.5	38,452 42,631 36,981 41,759	<i>41.2 42.1</i>	50,623 57,751 49,253 54,817	56.9 55.7 56.1 55.1	,	2.3	2,752 3,689 2,545 3,877		1,109 668	1.0 1.1 0.8 0.4

<sup>(</sup>a) Owing to insufficient information it is not possible to treat unassembled tractors and other machinery in a similar manner to motor vehicles and all such machinery is treated as capital equipment whether imported in an assembled or unassembled condition. (b) Includes replacement parts. (c) Excludes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail and paper to be used solely for wrapping which are recorded in Classes VI. E-J and III. respectively. (d) Excludes crude petroleum which is included in Class I. c (1-4). (e) Includes a percentage for paper used solely for wrapping, see note (c). (f) Included in Class VB. (g) Prior to July, 1955, excludes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955, have been recorded in Class I. c (5).

# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

		C	apital Equip	ment.					Finished	Consu	ımer Good	ds.		
			Trans	port E	quipment									
Period.	Produc Equipm		Complete Vehicles Assemb Chassi	and led	Railw Equipm Vessels Civil Ai	nent, and	Food, Beve and Toba		Clothing Accessor		All Oth (a)	ner.	Tota (a)	
	Class	IV.	Class V.	В.	Class V.	A, C, D.	Class VII.	А, В, С.	Class VI	. D.	Class VI	. Е-Ј.	Class '	VI.
Monthly		%		%		%		%		%		%		%
Average—							716		46	0.5	1 216	15 2	1 070	21 0
1936–37	884	10.3		10.1		1.7	516	6.0	46	0.5	1,316	15.3	1,878	21.8 19.6
1937–38	1,149	10.8		11.0		1.9	531	5.0	68	0.6	1,480	14.0	2,079	21.3
1938–39	1,104	11.7		9.5		1.3		6.0	84	0.9	1,361 6,736	14.4 11.9	2,009 9,840	17.4
1953–54	9,474	16.8		10.2		2.7		4.7	446		,			19.0
1954–55	10,289	14.8		10.5	1	2.6		4.6	614	0.9	9,468	13.5	13,318	
1955–56	11,174	16.4	(b) 1,784	2.6		2.7		3.3	491	0.7	8,854	13.0	11,621	17.0
1956–57	10,132	16.9	958	1.6		2.8		4.0	281	0.5	7,422	12.4	10,091	16.9
1957–58	12,040	18.3		1.6		2.1		3.8	429	0.6	8,923	13.6	11,875	
1958–59	11,613	17.5		1.4		3.4		4.1	397	0.6	8,695	13.1	11,791	17.8
1959–60 p	13,830	17.9	1,063	1.4	2,453	3.2	3,058	4.0	465	0.6	10,016	13.0	13,539	17.6
Monthly Total—														
1958–59—													=	
October	11,083	16.9		1.7		2.5	2,635	4.1	312	0.5	8,847	13.7	11,794	
November	12,004	17.8		1.3		0.9		3.9	301	0.4	9,073	13.2	12,000	
December	10,879	17.6		1.6		1.3		3.7	361	0.6	7,771	12.6	10,423	
January	12,507	16.8		1.5		1.6		3.9	510	0.7	9,305	12.6	12,731	17.2
February	10,445	17.8		1.3		3.8		4.6	467	0.8	7,405	12.8	10,568	
March	10,704	18.2		1.5		6.4		4.3	458	0.	7,403	12.6	10,390	
April	13,485	18.5		1.5		6.6		3.0	490	0.7	9,623	13.0	12,292	
May	10,481	16.6		1.1	,	4.1		4.4	264	0.4	7,850	12.5	10,862	
June	12,151	17.5	1,078	1.5	4,415	6.4	2,608	3.8	262	0.4	8,929	12.8	11,799	17.0
1959-60 p-			7.00	,	2 020	1 2	2.502	2 6	247	0.5	0 006	12.5	11,745	16.6
July	12,248	17.4		1.1		4.2		3.6	347 471	0.5	8,806	12.5	12,357	
August	11,572	16.3		1.4		6.2		4.2 4.6	372	0.7	8,929 8,609	13.5	11,957	
September	11,072	17.4		1.2		2.4		4.8	272	0.4	9,386	12.7	13,228	
October	12,168	16.5		1.3		4.5 3.0		3.6	376	0.5		14.2		
November	13,461	18.2		1.1		3.9				0.5	,		,	
December	15,185	20.0		1.5				4.1	507	0.6		13.1	13,436	
January	14,016	18.6		1.6		4.2				0.8				
February	13,817	17.6		1.7		2.5		4.1		0.9				18.8
March	15,658	17.8		1.4		2.4				0.7	,			
April	13,382	18.4 18.7		1.6		1.6		3.3		0.5			15,382	
May	16,989	18.1		1.4		2.0		3.7		0.5				17.7
June	16,388	10.1	1,507	1.7	1,023	2.0	3,001	2.7			,>		,-10	
1960–61 p—	14,932	16.8	1,404	1.6	1,367	1.5	2,545	2.9	541	0.6	r11,828	13.3	r14.914	16.8
July	17,961	17.3	/	1.6							r13,006			
August	17,961	15.6		1.3							11,824			
September October	16,561	16.7		1.6						0.6			17,819	

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail, see note (c), page 17. (b) Prior to July, 1955, includes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955, have been recorded in Class I. C. For meaning of symbols p, r, ——, see page 1.

# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

		(22	1 000 1.0	.0. 1 011 (	or ompin	iciit.)				
		cers' Mar Class I.)(a)			Consume Class VI.)(		Total	Imports (All (	of Mercha Classes.)	ndise.
Period.	Crude.	Simply trans-formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Total.
Monthly										
Average—										
1936–37	 1,024	373	2,362	45	303	1,530	1,069	1,505	6,032	8,606
1937–38	 1,241	449	3,031	48	300	1,731	1,289	1,796	7,530	
1938–39	 1,100	351	2,553	55	309	1,645	1,155	1,627	6,653	
1953–54	 6,260	3,189	12,486	385	1,471	7,984	6,645	11,384	38,520	56,549
1954–55	 8,818	4,986	15,448	428	2,082	10,808	9,246	13,167	47,668	70,081
1955–56	 10,095		c 19,802	423	1,191	10,007	10,518	10,913	46,760	, , , , , ,
1956–57	 10,650	4,741	16,256	497	1,450		11,147	9,623	,	
1957–58	 11,563	5,501	17,468	600	1,359	9,916	12,163	10,089	43,520	
1958–59	 11,628	4,954			1,550		12,193	9,961	44,052	,
1959–60 p	 12,834	6,031	21,674	696	1,537	11,306	13,530	11,131	52,401	77,062
Monthly Total—										
1958–59—	10.252	5 405	17.564	(22	1 200	0.002	10.075	10.700	42.007	65.45
October November	 10,253 12,642	5,495 4,585	17,564 18,921	622 537	1,290	9,882	10,875	10,702	43,897	65,474
December	 12,808	4,498	16,528	499	1,517 1,151	9,946 8,773	13,179 13,307	9,776 8,641	44,567 39,958	
January	 15,987	5,495	19,383	581	1,623	10,527	16,568	11,299	46,527	74,394
February	 10,597	3,939	14,995	555	1,498	8,495	11,152	9,063	38,329	
March	 8,986	4,053	15,413	724	1,444	8,222	9,710	8,694	40,460	,
April	 10,084	5,310	20,235	494	1,175	10,623	10,578	10,644	51,860	
May	 12,838	4,378	16,947	486	1,586	8,790	13,324	8,821	40,920	,
June	 11,277	5,757	18,205	688	1,385	9,726	11,965	10,412	46,971	69,348
1959–60 p—										
July	 11,046	5,984	19,383	706	1,460	9,579	11,752	11,413	47,329	
August	 11,017	5,054	19,471	693	1,653	10,011	11,710	11,081	47,969	/
September	 11,801	5,642	17,144	601	1,577	9,766	12,402	9,575	41,805	
October	 14,549	5,796	18,293	840	1,330	11,058	15,389	10,690	47,730	
November December	 12,855	6,277	18,896	598	1,048	11,924	13,453	10,833	49,806	
January	 12,611 13,413	5,811 5,018	20,071 22,339	501 555	1,518 1,353	11,126 11,528	13,112	10,603	52,279	75,994
February	 12,594	6,177	20,537	855	1,560		13,968 13,449	8,864 11,907	52,508 52,968	75,340
March	 14,747	6,438		788	2,149	,	15,535	12,275	60,152	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
April	 10,793	5,724		570	1,428	9,424	11,363	10,458	50,846	,
May	 15,007	7,000		705	1,514		15,712	12,840	62,291	90,84
June	 13,574	7,451	28,819	936	1,852	13,258	14,510	13,033	63,132	
1960-61 p—										
July	 15,461	6,934	28,228	674	1,322	r12,918	16,135	11,899	r60,927	r88,96
August	 15,074	9,153		884		r14,480	15,958		r72,018	r103,54
September	 14,912	7,497		675	1,659	,	15,587	13,203	59,062	87,852
October	 12,719	8,808	33,290	663	1,375	15,781	13,382	14,602	71,501	99,48

<sup>(</sup>a) See note (c), page 17.

Note.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately transformed".

<sup>(</sup>b) See note (a), page 18.

<sup>(</sup>c) See note (g), page 17.

# EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Meats.	Butter.	Wheat and Flour.	Fresh Fruits.	Dried Fruits.	Sugar and Sugar Syrups.	Hides and Skins.	Wool.	Lead.	Total Exports of Mer- chandise.
Monthly Average— 1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	 (a)861 (a)1,021 (a)982	734 898 1,074	2,029 2,245 1,106	165 171 169	172 224 239	309 336 348	609 516 342	5,209 3,915 3,561	402 409 356	,
1953–54	 4,817 5,291 5,039 4,250 4,602 8,100 7,400		5,513 6,811 3,570 4,309	782 731 762 715 1,089 785 775	616 703 650 549 762 1,062 756		1,620 1,642 1,740 2,022 2,116 1,964 2,651	34,202 29,426 28,127 40,310 31,116 25,187 32,191	2,004 2,070 2,106 2,684 1,829 1,580 1,349	63,170 64,236 81,083 67,525 67,226
Monthly Total—										
October November December January February March April May June	 9,004 8,973 9,443 9,183 8,463 7,952 7,548 7,170 9,283	2,243 3,610 3,312 3,591 1,173 1,660 1,794	2,253 4,263 4,500 6,478 3,993 4,720 3,771	140 19 14 153 1,038	309 184 40 23 87 970 2,021	3,230 1,727 2,298 1,984 2,499 2,153	1,819 1,782 1,916 1,714 1,912 1,689 2,202 2,423 2,648	28,912 26,642 33,262 25,112 26,911 28,048 26,074 30,911 26,027	1,875 1,998 1,500 1,725 2,030 1,034 1,591 1,664 1,213	66,196 75,655 66,909 73,546 66,413 72,247 76,667
July August September October November December January February March April May June	7,374 11,875 8,256 7,913 7,591 7,844 6,142 5,683 5,326 5,127 6,312 9,353	1,200 2,082 2,886 5,040 4,147 4,130 2,602 1,875 818 1,063	6,675 6,619 4,388 6,912 5,943 6,134 9,652 8,340 5,161 4,550	254 48 214 128 104 46 216 1,210 2,445 2,840	1,427 1,243 1,308 225 156 68 97 222 625 770	2,999 1,722 4,213 2,861 513 2,318 1,655 2,615 2,855 2,098	2,977 3,164 3,331 2,801 2,496 2,893 1,903 2,356 2,359 2,096 2,705 2,727	49,478 33,518 35,360 39,376 29,525 28,573	717 1,421 732 1,700 2,094 1,623 747 1,531 1,670 458 1,858 1,635	63,957 68,688 83,694 86,764 96,093 73,044 79,064 87,940 69,988 71,701
July August September October	 r8,579 r6,496 6,056 5,478	r743 835	7,801 7,276	179 289	690 374	2,389 6,543	2,263 2,423 2,471 2,133	17,458		

(a) Includes soups.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

#### SHARE PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base of each Group: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

		New Sou	uth Wales:	Ordinary	Shares.(a)		Queensla	nd: Ordina ( <i>b</i> ) ( <i>c</i> )	ry Shares.
Period.	23 Manufac- turing and Distribut- ing Companies	10 Retail Companies	4 Pastoral and Finance Companies	4 Insurance Companies	75 Companies (including 34 Miscel- laneous).		7 Industrials.	11 Financial and Trading.	18 Shares (total of foregoing)
1936–37	 989 1,012 999	1,059 1,008 933	1,106 1,053 841	1,052 983 965	1,022 1,009 969	1,026 1,011 963	1,006 1,014 980	1,000 1,011 989	1,003 1,013 984
1954–55 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58 1958–59 1959–60	 1,943 2,038 2,031 2,188 2,411 3,188	1,885 2,178 1,960 1,972 2,002 2,702	1,555 1,751 1,807 1,886 1,597 2,382	2,184 2,142 2,489 2,827 3,117 4,245	1,626 1,726 1,707 1,836 1,966 2,718	1,598 1,649 1,653 1,803 1,978 2,743	1,695 1,726 1,714 1,846 1,950 (c)	1,434 1,475 1,467 1,500 1,452 (c)	1,575 1,612 1,600 1,687 1,722 (c)
1958–59— October November December January February March April May June	 2,297 2,318 2,378 2,429 2,457 2,432 2,499 2,570 2,642	1,931 1,934 1,939 2,036 2,083 2,022 2,029 2,058 2,094	1,564 1,554 1,536 1,522 1,564 1,511 1,636 1,675 1,635	2,878 2,927 2,995 3,093 3,155 3,221 3,329 3,435 3,521	1,868 1,883 1,914 1,967 1,998 1,984 2,045 2,102 2,156	1,865 1,902 1,932 1,982 2,026 1,995 2,062 2,145 2,209	1,901 1,907 1,901 1,934 1,959 1,966 1,941 1,974 2,047	1,440 1,437 1,450 1,471 1,494 1,465 1,428 1,448 1,469	1,690 1,691 1,694 1,721 1,745 1,736 1,706 1,733 1,781
July August September October November December January February March April May June	 2,735 2,916 3,042 3,159 3,091 3,116 3,302 3,349 3,247 3,359 3,434 3,509	2,248 2,428 2,562 2,662 2,586 2,590 2,880 2,897 2,797 2,814 2,932 3,032	1,708 1,965 2,345 2,362 2,242 2,230 2,351 2,666 2,637 2,683 2,686 2,708	3,636 3,778 3,886 4,210 4,290 4,160 4,230 4,325 4,467 4,528 4,596 4,836	2,271 2,440 2,560 2,668 2,639 2,643 2,813 2,887 2,825 2,878 2,964 3,029	2,349 2,482 2,613 2,713 2,667 2,662 2,821 2,904 2,828 2,884 2,967 3,031	(c)	(c)	(c)
1960–61— July August September October	 3,488 3,512 3,538 3,411	2,965 2,995 3,216 3,118	2,552 2,486 2,428 2,174	4,891 5,012 5,118 5,036	3,029 3,056 3,086 2,951	3,025 3,061 3,117 2,994			

<sup>(</sup>a) Converted from original base, par values. The index numbers relate to the prices of ordinary shares on the Sydney Stock Exchange of principal companies (excluding banks) whose business in New South Wales is extensive. The prices of individual shares are unweighted and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made for changes in the capital structure of the companies. (b) Converted from original base, April, 1928. The index numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of sixteen representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of two companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. (c) Index temporarily suspended pending revision. (d) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

#### EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. In general the index numbers show price changes in the predominant market or markets for each commodity, but average prices realized for exports are used for some markets.

#### SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933–34 to 1935–36.

(Base of each Index: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

						3.6		Dried		TTIJ		All Gı	oups.
Period.		Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals.	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold.	Excl. Gold.	Incl. Gold.
Percentage Distribution of Base Aggregate (1936-37to1938-3	e	45.63 49.05	17.06 18.34	11.36 12.21	6.83 7.34	6.63 7.13	2.40 2.58	1.81 1.94	0.64	0.66 0.72	6.98	100.00	100.00
1936–37		122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116	115
1937–38		99	111	107	96	106	92	103		100	98	102	102
1938–39		79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82	83
1952-53		616	445	313	504	314	501	297	358	369	186	505	483
1953-54		615	411	325	450	338	479	287	321	336	179	496	474
1954-55		538	357	313	511	344	445	267	349	218	178	450	431
1955-56		464	324	320	562	355	450	286	353	238	178	414	397
1956-57		578	327	250	545	368	501	319	357	240	178	464	444
1957-58		471	357	218	1		518				178	400	385
1958-59		362	350	230			475			335	178	351	339
1959-60		425	333	315	428	432	452	p348	302	365	178	p393	p378
1958-59-													
October		336	363	195	391	405	473	385	382	270	178	337	326
November		339	355	222	404	407	477	390	378	273	178	342	330
December		328	353	242	389	404	470	391	375	285	178	337	326
January		321	347	250	390	408	490	(e) 391	372	287	178	334	323
February		339	336	250	384	387	474	(e) 391	360	341	178	339	328
March		347	336	249	385	382	477	(e) 391	357	428	178	343	331
April		415	337	249	382						178	378	364
May		415	339	262	396						178	381	367
June		400	336	287	401	429	458	390	341	452	178	378	364
1959-60													
July		(e) 407	332	312	402	439	437	390	327	464	178	384	370
August		445	340	336	418	411	461	367	324	461	178	406	390
September		430	331	350	420	376	438	362	309	440	178	396	380
October		430	330	359	431	388	440	361	307	395	178	398	382
November		422	333	367	437	374					178	395	380
December		437										405	389
January		437			1		1					405	389
February		415										389	374
March		415									178	386	371
April		430						1				391	376
May		415						1				382	368
June		415	337	255	426	479	453	p310	300	303	178	p384	p369
1960-61													
July		392								280		p373	
August		362										p355	
September		366		1								p356	_
October		362	339	245	408	( <i>f</i> )	469	p333	338	308	179	p354	p342

<sup>(</sup>a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. Guaranteed minimum prices are used when operative. (c) Sultanas, raisins, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) Nominal. (f) Actual prices realized not yet fully known; provisional series are included in "All Groups" Indexes.

# EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND "OTHER GROUPS".

Group indexes in the table on page 22 show the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards have occurred in the price of wool. Since wool is a predominant export, and comprises 46 per cent. of the base aggregate of the index, fluctuations in wool prices obscure the effect on the All Groups Index of movements in prices of the other components. "Wool" and "Other Groups" are shown separately below.

(Base of each Index: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939=100.)

Year.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Year.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
1948–49	 365 473 999 564 616 615	305 308 365 397 371 356	332 383 654 473 483 474	1954–55 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58 1958–59 1959–60	 538 464 578 471 362 425	342 342 331 313 320 p339	431 397 444 385 339 p378

Month.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
		1955–56.			1956–57.			1957–58.	
July	 (a)505	347	419	490	330	403	(a)596	327	450
August	 453	347	395	520	330	417	551	331	431
September	 437	347	388	566	336	441	543	328	426
October	 437	351	390	551	332	432	498	323	403
November	 437	352	391	581	331	445	483	315	391
December	 453	352	398	588	329	447	445	305	369
January	 460	349	400	596	330	451	453	306	373
February	 460	340	395	611	330	458	468	303	378
March	 453	335	388	596	329	451	422	304	358
April	 468	325	390	618	331	462	400	301	346
May	 498	323	403	626	333	467	392	303	344
June	 (a)505	331	411	596	332	452	400	306	348
		40.50 50							

	1	1958-59.			1959-60.		1960–61.				
July	 (a)400	304	348	(a)407	338	370	392	p332	p360		
August	 354	310	330	445	345	390	362	p332			
September	 354	312	332	430	339	380	366	p325	p342 p343		
October	 336	318	326	430	343	382	362	p323	p343		
November	 339	323	330	422	344	380	302	p324	p342		
December	 328	324	326	437	349	389					
January	 321	325	323	437	349	389					
February	 339	318	328	415	340	374					
March	 347	319	331	415	334	371					
April	 415	321	364	430	331	376					
May	 415	327	367	415	329	368					
June	 400	334	364	415	p331	p369					

(a) Nominal.

Note.—The index numbers in the two preceding tables indicate satisfactorily the general trend of export prices, but do not take account of the relative quantities actually sold at the prices ruling in particular months. The "changing weights" index numbers, shown below, take account of this factor. In computing these, the weights used are the quantities actually exported (sold in some cases) in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate. The index numbers for the most recent available month are:—

All Gro	oups.	Month o	f October.	Four mon Octo	
		1959.	1960.	1959.	1960.
Excluding Wool Including Wool		 100 100	96 89	100 100	96 90

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

# WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have, in the main, been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants. With a few important exceptions they are from Melbourne sources. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928–29 to 1934–35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group: Average of three years ended June, 1939=100.)

			Bas	ic Materia	ıls.				Basic Ma	terials&Fo	odstuffs.
Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Mater- ials.	Total.	Food- stuffs and Tobacco.	Goods prin- cipally Imported (b)	Goods prin- cipally Home Produced (c)	Total All Groups. (c)
1936–37	96 101 103 392	99 101 100 234	118 100 82 607	99 100 101 350	111 97 92 224	99 104 97 404	99 102 99 350	98 102 101 293 308	99 102 99 292 271	98 101 100 331 339	99 101 100 319 319
1953–54 1954–55 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58 1958–59	388 391 404 409 398 392	222 214 220 241 238 231	566 510 456 520 437 362	323 314 317 344 349 327	191 246 328 302 280 293 379	363 372 415 463 453 423	332 330 345 367 355 340 347	315 325 324 325 332 348	277 292 311 301 283 281	359 340 352 357 355 358 375	319 322 334 344 339 336 348
1959–60  1958–59— October November December January February March April May June	395 394 394 390 391 392 390 387 388	225 231 232 231 231 232 232 232 232 232	341 344 337 333 346 353 398 402 392	331 327 327 327 327 327 327 327 327	243 254 267 263 284 326 410 371 361	431 432 425 420 422 422 422 422 422 422	339 338 336 336 338 340 346 344 343	330 326 322 320 328 341 340 336 338	282 282 282 280 281 282 282 284 284	356 352 348 347 354 365 368 363 364	334 332 328 327 332 340 343 340 340
July August September October November December January February March April May June	385 388 388 390 389 402 403 403 403 403	231 230 223 223 223 223 223 223 224 224 224	392 417 405 404 399 411 411 394 395 405 399	330 330 330 328 328 328 333 333 333 332 331	394 411 414 375 360 359 375 395 387 378 353 342	422 425 425 425 433 433 433 438 439 439	343 346 345 343 342 344 348 349 351 351 349	339 339 335 338 344 343 347 359 367	283 283 283 283	367 363 366 372 372 376 386 390	355 359
1960–61— July August September October	403 401 402 402	225	366 370	329 329	365 370	439	347 349	392 388	280	410	372 370

<sup>(</sup>a) Special purpose index for the "Metals and Coal" group excluding Coal and Briquettes was 434 for October, 1960.

(b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index and does not measure changes in prices of all imports.

(c) Note.—During 1956 these indexes were reconstructed from the base period by excluding potatoes and onions. For October, 1960, index numbers for these groups comparable with the previous indexes including potatoes and onions were: "Foodstuffs and Tobacco", 380; "Goods Principally Home Produced", 401; "Total All Groups", 365.

# PRICE INDEX NUMBERS: VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Source: Monthly Bulletin of Statistics of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

The index numbers show fluctuations in prices in each country and do not measure relative price levels as between countries.

A short dash on each side of an index number (e.g. -95-) indicates that two series have been linked at that period.

## WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES.

(Base: year 1953 == 100.)

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the various countries.

Period.		Australia.	Canada.	France.	Federal Republic of Germany.	Japan. (Tokyo).	New Zealand.	Union of South Africa.	United Kingdom.	United States of America.
1950 1951 1952 1953 1954 1955 1956 1957 1958 1959  Quarter— 1959—June Septe Decer 1960—Marc June	nber	69 85 98 100 99 103 106 107 105 106 107 107 108 113	96 109 102 <b>100</b> 98 99 102 103 103 104 105 105 104 p104 p105	78 100 105 <b>100</b> 98 98 102 108 121 126 125 126 129 p130 p130	85 100 103 <b>100</b> 98 101 103 105 106 105	70 97 -100- <b>100</b> 99 98 102 105 98 99 101 p101 p100	78 91 101 <b>100</b> 99 100 104 105 108 109	76 86 99 <b>100</b> 101 104 105 107 107 107 108 p108 p107	Base: 1954 = 100  100 103 107 107 101 102 101 102 103 p103 p103	94 104 101 <b>100</b> 100 101 104 107 108 108 108 108 p108 p109

(a) Basic materials. Base: 1954=100.

# CONSUMER (RETAIL) PRICE INDEXES.

(Base: year 1953=100.)

	Period.		Australia.	Canada.	France (Paris).	Federal Republic of Germany.	Japan.	New Zealand.	Union of South Africa.	United Kingdom.	United States of America.
	June Septem Decem —March		68 82 96 100 101 103 109 112 113 116	89 98 101 <b>100</b> 101 102 106 108 110	77 91 101 <b>100</b> 100 101 103 -106- 121 129 128 129 131	93 100 102 100 100 102 105 106 110 112 110 112	77 -89- 94 100 106 -105- 106 109 108 110 109 110 111 p112	80 89 96 100 105 -107- 111 113 118 123	83 89 97 <b>100</b> 102 105 107 110 -114- 115	81 89 -97- 100 102 106 -112- 116 119 120	90 97 99 - <b>100</b> - 100 102 105 108 109
_	June	• •	119	110	133	114	p113	123	116 117	120 121	110 p110

<sup>(</sup>a) Consumer Price Index converted to base 1953=100. This index was first published in August, 1960. See pages 26 and 27. (b) European families' expenditure. New index linked to former index in 1958; former index included direct taxes. For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

#### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.

The Consumer Price Index was first published on 12th August, 1960, in statistical bulletin S.B. 837 which contains a brief description of the index. For current statistical purposes it replaces both the "C" Series Retail Price Index and the Interim Retail Price Index.

#### GROUP INDEXES: WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX CAPITAL CITIES.

(Base of each index: Year 1952–53=100.)

Period.		Food.	Clothing and Drapery.	Housing.	Household Supplies and Equipment.	Miscel- laneous.	All Groups
ear ended June—							
1950	 	58.6	67.4	76.1	71.1	69.6	66.0
1951	 	68.6	77.8	81.0	78.1	76.3	74.6
1952	 	89.9	93.5	89.1	92.9	92.3	91.4
1953	 	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1954	 	103.5	100.7	104.8	101.6	99.9	102.0
1955	 	104.3	101.0	108.4	101.4	99.9	102.6
1956	 	110.2	102.0	115.1	101.6	105.9	106.9
1957	 	115.3	103.9	122.1	105.8	118.0	113.1
1958	 	113.3	107.0	127.3	107.5	119.7	114.2
1959	 	115.4	108.2	130.6	108.7	121.2	116.0
1960	 	119.8	109.4	135.2	109.8	123.9	118.9
Quarter—							
1953—December	 	103.2	100.6	104.6	101.3	99.3	101.7
1954—March	 	103.7	100.8	104.9	101.6	100.1	102.1
June		103.5	100.4	106.2	101.7	100.0	102.1
September	 	102.9	100.4	106.8	101.8	99.7	101.8
December	 	103.3	100.9	108.0	101.7	99.5	102.2
1955—March	 	105.0	100.9	108.7	101.3	100.0	102.9
June	 	106.1	101.9	110.1	100.6	100.4	103.6
September	 	107.9	101.9	111.3	100.7	101.3	104.5
December	 	108.6	102.1	113.7	100.8	104.8	105.9
1956—March	 	110.3	102.0	116.8	101.6	105.1	106.9
June	 	114.0	102.0	118.5	103.2	112.4	110.2
September	 	119.0	102.3	119.7	103.6	116.0	112.9
December	 	115.6	103.3	121.7	105.5	118.0	113.0
1957—March	 	112.9	104.2	122.3	107.0	118.6	112.6
June	 	113.8	105.6	124.5	107.1	119.3	113.7
September	 	113.4	106.2	125.6	107.6	119.6	113.9
December	 	112.1	106.7	127.0	108.0	119.6	113.7
1958—March	 	113.9	106.7	127.6	107.1	119.6	114.3
June	 	113.9	108.2	128.8	107.3	119.8	114.8
September	 	113.7	108.2	129.2	107.9	120.1	114.9
December	 	114.6	108.4	130.4	108.7	121.3	115.8
1959—March	 	116.3	108.1	130.9	108.9	121.5	116.3
June	 	117.1	107.9	131.9	109.1	121.9	116.8
September	 	117.9	108.3	132.5	109.4	122.3	117.3
December	 	118.4	109.2	133.9	109.6	123.0	118.0
1960—March	 	120.3	109.5	134.8	110.0	123.8	119.0
June	 	122.6	110.5	139.4	110.2	126.4	121.1
September	 	126.0	110.7	141.4	110.6	126.7	122.5

# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.

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# ALL GROUPS: SIX CAPITAL CITIES SEPARATELY AND COMBINED.

(Base of each index: Year 1952-53=100.)

		(Das	e of each file	iex: rear r	932-33=100.	.)		
Period.		Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	♦ Hobart.	Six Capita Cities. (Weighted Average.)
Voor anded Ive								
Year ended June—								
1051	• •	65.6	66.2	67.1	66.2	66.2	64.7	66.0
1052		74.5	74.6	75.1	74.7	74.4	73.3	74.6
1052		91.9	91.0	91.8	91.4	90.4	90.4	91.4
1054		<b>100.0</b> 101.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1954		101.0	102.0 102.0	102.0	102.3	103.0	105.0	102.0
1956		102.3	102.0	102.9	103.5	105.2	104.9	102.6
1957		112.9	114.0	106.3	106.9	107.9	110.2	106.9
1958		114.5	114.0	112.0 114.4	111.1	112.9	116.9	113.1
1959		115.3	116.6	118.2	111.9 114.5	113.6	117.0	114.2
1960		117.8	120.0	121.2	114.3	114.7 116.9	118.7 120.8	116.0 118.9
Quarter—							120.0	110.5
1953—December		101.1	101.7	102.1	102.0	102.1	105.5	101.7
1954—March		101.8	102.0	102.5	102.4	102.9	105.0	102.1
June		101.5	102.0	102.1	102.4	104.3	104.4	102.1
September		101.4	101.3	101.8	102.8	104.7	104.2	101.8
December		102.0	101.5	102.4	102.8	104.4	104.1	102.2
1955—March		102.6	102.2	103.3	103.6	105.0	105.2	102.9
June		103.0	103.1	103.9	104.7	106.6	105.9	103.6
September		103.7	104.7	104.4	105.2	106.4	107.4	104.5
December		104.7	107.3	104.9	106.0	106.8	109.1	105.9
1956—March		105.5	108.4	106.4	106.5	107.9	110.5	106.9
June		108.8	112.0	109.5	109.9	110.5	113.6	110.2
September		112.7	114.1	111.9	111.6	111.7	116.2	112.9
December	• •	112.6	114.2	111.7	111.4	112.3	117.2	113.0
1957—March		112.6	113.3	111.7	110.2	113.2	116.7	112.6
June		113.7	114.2	112.6	111.3	114.2	117.5	113.7
September December		114.0	114.4	112.8	111.9	114.0	116.7	113.9
	• •	113.9	114.2	113.7	111.6	113.0	116.9	113.7
1958—March		115.0	114.2	115.0	111.5	113.2	117.1	114.3
June		115.1	114.6	115.9	112.7	114.1	117.3	114.8
September		114.8	114.9	116.7	113.5	114.4	117.7	114.9
December	• •	115.2	116.4	117.9	114.2	114.3	118.7	115.8
1959—March		115.5	117.1	119.0	115.0	114.7	119.1	116.3
June	• •	115.8	117.9	119.1	115.3	115.5	119.3	116.8
September December		116.3	118.2	120.2	116.3	115.9	119.7	117.3
		117.2	118.8	120.8	116.9	115.7	120.1	118.0
1960—March		118.2	119.8	121.6	118.3	117.1	120.8	119.0
June		119.6	123.0	122.3	120.6	119.0	122.6	121.1
September		120.8	124.9	123.6	121.5	119.8	125.8	122.5

Note.—The above indexes measure price movements in each city individually and for the weighted average of the six capital cities. They do not compare price levels as between cities.

#### COMPARISON OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base of each Index: 1952–53=100.)

				rice Index.			Vholesale P	rice Index. (	(a)	Consumer Price Index.
				All Groups.			Basic Ma	terials and	Foodstuffs.	Hidex
Period.	•	Wool.	Excluding Wool.	Excluding Gold.	Total.	Basic Materials.	Goods Principally Imported. (b)		All Groups.	All Groups.
1936–37		20	29	23	24	28	34	30	31	n.a.
1937–38		16	28	20	21	29	35	31	32	n.a.
1938–39		13	23	16	17	28	34	30	31	n.a.
1949–50		77	83	79	79	61	76	59	64	66.0
1950–51		162	98	137	136	75	88	73	77	74.6
1951-52		92	107	98	98	92	99	91	93	91.4
1952–53		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100.0
1953–54		100	96	98	98	95	93	102	100	102.0
1954–55		87	92	89	89	94	95	103	101	102.6
1955–56		75	92	82	82	99	100	106	105	106.9
1956–57		94 76	89 84	92 79	92	105	107	108	108	113.1
1957–58		59	86	69	80 70	101 97	103 97	107 108	106 105	114.2 116.0
1959–60		69	p91	p78	p78	99	96	114	103	118.9
1958–59—	• •	0)	por	p70	pro			117	10)	110.9
July		(e) 65	82	71	72	97	98	108	105	
August		58	84	68	68	96	98	109	105	114.9
September		58	84	68	69	97	97	109	106	114.7
October		54	86	67	67	97	97	108	105	1
November		55	87	68	68	97	97	107	104	>115.8
December		53	87	67	68	96	96	105	103	
January		52	88	66	67	96	96	105	103	
February		55	86	67	68	97	96	107	104	>116.3
March		56	86	68	69	97	97	110	107	
April		67	87	75	75	99	97	111	107	116.0
May June		67 65	88 90	75 75	76 75	98 98	97 97	110 110	106 107	116.8
	• •	03	90	13	13	90	91	110	107	)
1959–60—		(e) 66	91	76	77	98	97	111	107	
July August		(e) 66 72	93	80	81	99	96	111	107	>117.3
September		70	91	78	79	98	95	112	103	(117.3
October		70	92	79	79	98	95	111	107	1
November		69	93	78	79	98	96	110	106	>118.0
December		71	94	80	81	98	96	111	107	
January		71	94	80	81	99	97	113	108	1
February		67	92	77	77	100	97	112	108	>119.0
March		67	90	76	77	100	97	114	109	7
April	• •	70	89	77	78 76	100	97	117	111	121
May	• •	67 67	89	76	76 p76	100	97	118	112	121.1
June		67	p89	p76	p76	100	96	123	116	J
1960–61—		(1	00	-74	c= 7.4	100	0.0	104	116	
July		64 59	p90	p74	p74 p71	100 99	96 96	124	116	122.5
August September		59 59	p88 p88	p70 p70	p71 p71	100	96	124 123	116 116	122.5
September		39	hoo	p/0	p/1	100	90	123	110	)

<sup>(</sup>a) Converted arithmetically to base 1952-53=100 for purposes of comparison. (b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index and does not measure changes in prices of all imports. (c) See note (c) on page 24. (d) Weighted average of six capital cities. (e) Nominal.

## WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS OF WORK.

(Adult Males.)

Date.		New S Wa		Victor	ia.	Queens	land.	Sout Austr		Weste Austra		Tasmai	nia.	Six Cap or Six Si	
		Сс	ММО	NWEALT	н В	ASIC WA	GE	(Metro	POL	ITAN).					
1959—		S.	d.	S.	d.	S.	d.	S.	d.	S.	d.	S.	d.	S.	d.
31st March ( <i>a</i> )		268	0	260	0	243	0	256	0	261	0	267	0	261	0
30th June ( <i>b</i> )		283		275	0	258	0	271	0	276	_	282	0	276	0
30th September		283		275	0	258	0	271	0	276	_	282	0	276	0
31st December		283		275	0	258	0	271	0	276	0	282	0	276	0
1960—		200		273		250	0	271	0	270	U	202	U	270	U
31st March		283	0	275	0	258	0	271	0	276	0	282	0	276	0
30th June		283	0	275	0	258	0	271	0	276	0	282	0	276	0
30th September		283	0	275	0	258	0	271	0	276	0	282	0	276	
			ST	ATE BAS	SIC '	Wage (	Иет	ROPOLIT	AN)						
		S.	d.	S.	d.	S.	d.	S.	d.	S.	d.	S.	d.	1	
1959—												D.	u,		
31st March		(c) 275	0	(d) 263	0	(e) 260	0	(f) 256	0	(g) 273	5	(d) 272	0		
30th June		(c) 276		*275	0	(h) 263		(i) 271	0	(h) 275	1	272	0		
30th September		(c) 277		275	0	263	0	271	0	(i) 278	7	†282	0		
31st December		(c) 279		275	0	(k) 267	0	271	0	(k) 281	6	282	0		
1960—															
31st March		(c) 283	0	275	0	(l) 269	0	271	0	281	6	282	0		
30th June		(c) 285	0	275	0	(m)271	0	271	0	(m)286	4	282	0		
30th September		(c) 288	0	275		(n) 273	0	271	0	(0) 292	3	282	0		
31st October		(p) 288	0	275	0	(q) 276	0	271	0	(r) 294	7	282	0		
	W	EIGHTEI	Av	erage 1	Min	imum W	EEKI	LY RATI	ES O	f Wage	.‡				
10.50		S.	d.	S.	d.	S.	d.	S.	d.	S.	d.	S.	d.	S.	d.
1959—		220		220	2	221	1	212	0	224	0	224	_	22.4	
31st March		330		320	7	321	1	312	8	324	0	324	7	324	1
30th June		338	_	330	1	326 327	10	327 328	0	327	2	333	3	332	8
30th September 31st December		350	10	344	0	334	4	339	-	330 340	3	336		334	4
960—		330	1	344	U	334	4	339	10	340	9	347	0	344	7
31st March.		354	6	349	0	338	1.1	341	3	345	2	347	11	348	1.0
30th June			10	349	3	344	7	341	8	350	_	347	7	350	10
			11	349	4	344	9	341	9	355	8	349	7		1
31st July 31st August		357		349	6	344	7	341	9	355	9	351	1	351 352	_
30th September		357		349	6	346	8	341	9	355		351	2	352	0
31st October		357		349	7	349	7	341	9	357		351	3	352	7
	W	EIGHTE	o A	VERAGE	STAI	NDARD V	Weei	KLY Ho	URS	of Wo	RK.8				
		39		39		39									

Payable as from:—(a) Beginning of first pay-period commencing on or after 21st May, 1958. (b) Beginning of first pay-period commencing on or after 11th June, 1959. (c) Beginning of first pay-period in month prior to that shown. (d) Beginning of first pay-period in August, 1956. (e) 2nd February, 1959. (f) 26th May, 1958. (g) 27th October, 1958. (h) 27th April, 1959. (i) 15th June, 1959. (j) 27th July, 1959. (k) 26th October, 1959. (l) 1st February, 1960. (m) 2nd May, 1960. (n) 1st August, 1960. (o) 25th July, 1960. (p) Beginning of first pay-period in August, 1960. (q) 31st October, 1960. (r) 24th October, 1960.

<sup>\*</sup> During June and July, 1959, Wages Boards adopted the Commonwealth basic wage rate. † Most Wages Boards adopted the Commonwealth basic wage rate from July, 1959. ‡ For a full week's work (excluding overtime). Excludes Rural. Rates shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as indexes expressed in money terms, indicative of trends. They do not measure the relative level of minimum wages as between States. § Excludes Rural and Shipping and Stevedoring. Except in Tasmania, there has been no change in weighted average standard weekly hours since September, 1953.

#### AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.(a)

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 75 per cent. of the estimated number of civilian wage and salary earners in employment), from other direct collections and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the Defence Forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

Period.	New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
	Averag	ge Weekly	Total Wa	GES PAID (£'	000).		
1953–54	16,480	11,767	5,227	3,615	2,754	1,305	41,148
1954–55	17.070	12,901	5,601	3,940	2,928	1,399	44,739
1955–56	10.764	14,144	6,033	4,330	3,104	1,521	48,896
1956–57	20.042	14,925	6,457	4,507	3,177	1,635	51,644
1957–58	21 ((1	15,510	6,585	4,635	3,284	1,671	53,349
1958–59	22 414	16,240	6,970	4,823	3,347	1,725	55,519
1959–60	24 (02	18,160	7,383	5,414	3,621	1,870	61,140
1958–59—							
September Quarter.	. 22,129	15,827	6,983	4,777	3,392	1,648	54,750
December ,, .	22 (01	16,970	7,387	4,984	3,494	1,798	58,23
March ".	01 105	15,377	6,501	4,599	3,122	1,666	52,450
June ".	22 740	16,787	7,010	4,930	3,381	1,790	56,63
1959–60—	22.445	15.005	7.064	5.050	2.525	1.556	50.50
September ,, .	/	17,397	7,364	5,270	3,537	1,756	58,76
December ".		18,442	7,558	5,443	3,693	1,883	62,37
March ,, .		17,680	7,031	5,308	3,489	1,832	59,10
June "	. 26,213	19,120	7,578	5,634	3,764	2,009	64,31
September ,, .	. 26,187	19,064	7,940	5,680	3,884	1,869	64,62
A	verage Week	ly Earning	Gs per Empi	LOYED MALE	UNIT (£).(a	1)	
						~ <i>)</i> •	
1953–54	. 16.69	16.64	14.98	15.87	15.59	15.78	16.20
	4 = 44	16.64 17.59	14.98 15.58	15.87 16.83			16.20 17.11
1954–55	. 17.64 . 18.92	17.59 18.78	15.58 16.49	16.83 17.88	15.59 16.11 16.92	15.78 16.54 17.75	17.13 18.2
1954–55 1955–56	. 17.64 . 18.92	17.59 18.78 19.70	15.58 16.49 17.50	16.83 17.88 18.28	15.59 16.11 16.92 17.48	15.78 16.54 17.75 18.79	17.1. 18.2. 19.1
1954–55 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58	. 17.64 . 18.92 . 19.89	17.59 18.78 19.70 20.22	15.58 16.49 17.50 17.94	16.83 17.88 18.28 18.68	15.59 16.11 16.92 17.48 18.05	15.78 16.54 17.75 18.79 18.95	17.13 18.23 19.10 19.6
1954–55 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58	. 17.64 . 18.92 . 19.89 . 20.44	17.59 18.78 19.70	15.58 16.49 17.50 17.94 18.63	16.83 17.88 18.28 18.68 19.10	15.59 16.11 16.92 17.48 18.05 18.19	15.78 16.54 17.75 18.79 18.95 19.33	17.13 18.23 19.16 19.67 20.19
1954–55	. 17.64 . 18.92 . 19.89 . 20.44 . 21.04	17.59 18.78 19.70 20.22	15.58 16.49 17.50 17.94	16.83 17.88 18.28 18.68	15.59 16.11 16.92 17.48 18.05	15.78 16.54 17.75 18.79 18.95	17.13 18.23 19.16 19.67 20.19
1954–55	. 17.64 . 18.92 . 19.89 . 20.44 . 21.04	17.59 18.78 19.70 20.22 20.69	15.58 16.49 17.50 17.94 18.63	16.83 17.88 18.28 18.68 19.10	15.59 16.11 16.92 17.48 18.05 18.19	15.78 16.54 17.75 18.79 18.95 19.33	17.13 18.23 19.16 19.67 20.19
1954–55	. 17.64 . 18.92 . 19.89 . 20.44 . 21.04 . 22.71	17.59 18.78 19.70 20.22 20.69	15.58 16.49 17.50 17.94 18.63	16.83 17.88 18.28 18.68 19.10	15.59 16.11 16.92 17.48 18.05 18.19	15.78 16.54 17.75 18.79 18.95 19.33	17.1 18.2 19.1 19.6 20.1 21.7
1954–55	. 17.64 . 18.92 . 19.89 . 20.44 . 21.04 . 22.71	17.59 18.78 19.70 20.22 20.69 22.34	15.58 16.49 17.50 17.94 18.63 19.71	16.83 17.88 18.28 18.68 19.10 20.70	15.59 16.11 16.92 17.48 18.05 18.19 19.52	15.78 16.54 17.75 18.79 18.95 19.33 20.71	17.1. 18.2: 19.1: 19.6: 20.1: 21.7:
1954–55	. 17.64 . 18.92 . 19.89 . 20.44 . 21.04 . 22.71	17.59 18.78 19.70 20.22 20.69 22.34	15.58 16.49 17.50 17.94 18.63 19.71	16.83 17.88 18.28 18.68 19.10 20.70	15.59 16.11 16.92 17.48 18.05 18.19 19.52	15.78 16.54 17.75 18.79 18.95 19.33 20.71	17.1. 18.2: 19.1: 19.6: 20.1: 21.7:
1954–55 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58 1958–59 1959–60  1958–59— September Quarter December ,, March ,,	. 17.64 . 18.92 . 19.89 . 20.44 . 21.04 . 22.71 . 20.83 . 22.11 . 19.88	17.59 18.78 19.70 20.22 20.69 22.34 20.52 21.85	15.58 16.49 17.50 17.94 18.63 19.71	16.83 17.88 18.28 18.68 19.10 20.70	15.59 16.11 16.92 17.48 18.05 18.19 19.52	15.78 16.54 17.75 18.79 18.95 19.33 20.71	17.1. 18.2: 19.1: 19.6: 20.1: 21.7: 20.0: 21.2: 19.0:
1954-55	. 17.64 . 18.92 . 19.89 . 20.44 . 21.04 . 22.71 . 20.83 . 22.11 . 19.88	17.59 18.78 19.70 20.22 20.69 22.34 20.52 21.85 19.44	15.58 16.49 17.50 17.94 18.63 19.71 18.53 19.72 17.50	16.83 17.88 18.28 18.68 19.10 20.70	15.59 16.11 16.92 17.48 18.05 18.19 19.52 18.50 18.97 16.95	15.78 16.54 17.75 18.79 18.95 19.33 20.71	17.1 18.2 19.1 19.6 20.1 21.7 20.0 21.2 19.0
1954–55	17.64 18.92 19.89 20.44 21.04 22.71 20.83 22.11 19.88 21.32	17.59 18.78 19.70 20.22 20.69 22.34 20.52 21.85 19.44	15.58 16.49 17.50 17.94 18.63 19.71 18.53 19.72 17.50	16.83 17.88 18.28 18.68 19.10 20.70	15.59 16.11 16.92 17.48 18.05 18.19 19.52 18.50 18.97 16.95	15.78 16.54 17.75 18.79 18.95 19.33 20.71	17.1 18.2 19.1 19.6 20.1 21.7 20.0 21.2 19.0 20.4
1954-55	17.64 18.92 19.89 20.44 21.04 22.71 20.83 22.11 19.88 21.32	17.59 18.78 19.70 20.22 20.69 22.34 20.52 21.85 19.44 20.97	15.58 16.49 17.50 17.94 18.63 19.71 18.53 19.72 17.50 18.78	16.83 17.88 18.28 18.68 19.10 20.70 19.17 19.89 18.14 19.20	15.59 16.11 16.92 17.48 18.05 18.19 19.52 18.50 18.97 16.95 18.33	15.78 16.54 17.75 18.79 18.95 19.33 20.71 18.61 20.22 18.53 19.96	17.1 18.2 19.1 19.6 20.1 21.7 20.0 21.2 19.0 20.4
1954–55	17.64 18.92 19.89 20.44 21.04 22.71 20.83 22.11 19.88 21.32 21.91 23.41	17.59 18.78 19.70 20.22 20.69 22.34 20.52 21.85 19.44 20.97 21.72 22.80	15.58 16.49 17.50 17.94 18.63 19.71 18.53 19.72 17.50 18.78	16.83 17.88 18.28 18.68 19.10 20.70 19.17 19.89 18.14 19.20 20.39	15.59 16.11 16.92 17.48 18.05 18.19 19.52 18.50 18.97 16.95 18.33	15.78 16.54 17.75 18.79 18.95 19.33 20.71 18.61 20.22 18.53 19.96	17.1. 18.2: 19.1: 19.6: 20.1: 21.7: 20.0. 21.2: 19.0: 20.4: 21.1: 22.2:
1954–55	17.64 18.92 19.89 20.44 21.04 22.71 20.83 22.11 19.88 21.32 21.91 23.41 21.72	17.59 18.78 19.70 20.22 20.69 22.34 20.52 21.85 19.44 20.97 21.72 22.80 21.58	15.58 16.49 17.50 17.94 18.63 19.71 18.53 19.72 17.50 18.78	16.83 17.88 18.28 18.68 19.10 20.70 19.17 19.89 18.14 19.20 20.39 20.91 20.18	15.59 16.11 16.92 17.48 18.05 18.19 19.52 18.50 18.97 16.95 18.33	15.78 16.54 17.75 18.79 18.95 19.33 20.71 18.61 20.22 18.53 19.96	17.1: 18.2: 19.10 19.6: 20.1: 21.7: 20.0: 21.2: 19.0: 20.4: 21.1: 22.2: 20.9:
1954–55	17.64 18.92 19.89 20.44 21.04 22.71 20.83 22.11 19.88 21.32 21.91 23.41 21.72	17.59 18.78 19.70 20.22 20.69 22.34 20.52 21.85 19.44 20.97 21.72 22.80	15.58 16.49 17.50 17.94 18.63 19.71 18.53 19.72 17.50 18.78 19.60 20.30 18.89	16.83 17.88 18.28 18.68 19.10 20.70 19.17 19.89 18.14 19.20 20.39 20.91	15.59 16.11 16.92 17.48 18.05 18.19 19.52 18.50 18.97 16.95 18.33	15.78 16.54 17.75 18.79 18.95 19.33 20.71 18.61 20.22 18.53 19.96 19.82 20.97 20.08	17.1. 18.2: 19.1: 19.6: 20.1: 21.7: 20.0. 21.2: 19.0: 20.4: 21.1: 22.2:

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes, in addition to wages at award rates, earnings of salaried employees, overtime earnings, over-award and bonus payments, etc. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes the Northern Territory. (d) Total wages as above divided by total civilian employment expressed in male units. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and, because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

Note.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

## BUILDING APPROVALS(a): AUSTRALIA.

As from the July, 1960 issue of the *Review*, the statistics of building approvals on pages 31 to 33 replace the statistics of building permits previously shown. The new series uses a uniform approach in recording the numbers of individual houses and flats, adopts a more uniform classification of "government" and "private", and gives a slightly wider coverage.

			Houses a	and Flats.				her uildings.		ions (b)	
Period.		vate.		nment.	Тс	otal.	Private.	Government.	Private.	Govern- ment. (c)	Total.
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Va	lue.	Va	lue.	Value.
Monthly Average— 1953–54(e) 1954–55 1955–56 1956–57 1957–58 1958–59 1959–60	5,392 5,622 5,268 5,189 5,846 6,308	£'000. 13,588 15,408 15,367 15,342 17,606 19,108	1,372 1,563 1,047 1,122 1,181 1,190	£'000. 3,070 3,700 2,633 2,862 3,173 3,188	6,764 7,185 6,315 6,311 7,027 7,498	£'000. 16,658 19,108 18,000 18,204 20,779 22,296	£'000. 4,606 6,301 8,169 6,564 7,193 8,639	£'000. 2,113 3,507 4,986 3,251 4,007 4,503	£'000. 3,251 3,849 4,179 3,991 4,374 4,906	£'000. 407 537 806 831 789 970	£'000. 27,035 33,302 36,140 32,841 37,142 41,314
Monthly Total— 1958–59— October November December January February March April May	7,587 6,854 6,193 5,280 5,251 5,948 5,826 6,868 6,051	23,582 20,346 18,680 15,549 15,667 17,981 17,876 20,864 18,321	1,066 1,234 936 1,170 710 866 965 1,229 1,490	3,031 3,025 2,336 3,171 2,110 2,499 2,458 3,232 4,190	8,653 8,088 7,129 6,450 5,961 6,814 6,791 8,097 7,541	23,371 21,016 18,720 17,777 20,480 20,334 24,096 22,511	7,746 6,337 6,150 7,876 7,104 8,751 10,487 10,048	3,129 3,482 3,602 1,540 4,595 6,086 7,339 3,740	5,826 4,945 4,369 4,046 3,205 4,292 4,142 5,289 6,472	1,298 538 774 750 1,088 962 760 754	40,489 35,742 33,292 31,148 37,559 40,275 47,971 43,525
June  1959–60— July August September October November December January February March April May June	7,225 7,073 7,550 7,404 7,752 6,136 5,806 7,260 9,726 7,314 9,541 8,256	21,053 21,959 22,014 23,338 22,341 23,811 18,431 18,140 22,438 29,970 22,540 30,620 27,382	1,657  1,143 803 879 1,548 1,225 1,257 777 1,153 1,092 704 863 1,343	3,156 2,294 2,255 4,333 3,519 3,721 2,129 3,312 3,078 1,878 2,647 4,046	8,303 8,368 7,876 8,429 8,952 8,977 7,393 6,583 8,413 10,818 8,018 10,404 9,599	25,789 25,115 24,308 25,593 26,674 27,330 22,152 20,269 25,750 33,048 24,418 33,267 31,428	9,628 10,253 10,929 10,727 18,012 11,851 8,083 8,377 7,689 11,568 8,913 14,970 13,642	8,333 4,264 3,539 9,345 6,332 5,761 6,097 2,328 4,512 6,588 7,542 4,853 6,914	5,606 5,448 5,529 5,898 5,570 6,050 4,803 4,956 7,572 5,829 6,685 5,978	982 1,066 2,067 881 843 984 528 602 1,166 693 808 737	50,372 46,062 45,371 53,630 57,497 51,355 43,366 36,305 43,509 59,942 47,395 60,583 58,699
July August September October	8,106 9,171 8,449 8,187	26,112 30,497 26,974 27,099	1,285 1,226 972 2,382	3,185 3,326 2,821 5,993	9,391 10,397 9,421 10,569	29,297 33,823 29,795 33,092	12,668 13,448 12,631 12,991	9,698 4,385 11,846 6,206	6,519 6,565 6,422 6,480	693 900 577 753	58,875 59,121 61,271 59,522

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorized by government authorities.
(b) In all States, except New South Wales, additions of £5,000 and over are included with new buildings.
(c) Building is classified as "Government" or "Private" according to ownership.
(d) Number of individual living units.
(e) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

For meaning of symbol ——, see page 1.

#### BUILDING APPROVALS.

#### VALUE OF TOTAL BUILDING APPROVED.(a)

(Including alterations and additions.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
Monthly Average—									
1953–54	10,139	8,145	3,022	2,099	2,700	930	n.a.	n.a.	(c)27,035
1954–55	12,093	9,506	3,537	3,266	3,103	1,044	172	581	33,302
1955–56	13,529	11,065	3,879	3,862	2,250	1,033	154	368	36,140
1956–57	11,973	9,748	3,851	3,025	2,350	1,280	108	506	32,841
1957–58	13,332	11,414	4,414	3,584	2,334	1,112	202	750	37,142
1958–59	15,426	12,623	4,542	3,911	2,357	1,150	219	1,086	41,314
1959–60	19,488	14,993	5,455	4,428	2,889	1,631	312	1,114	50,310
Monthly Total— 1958–59—									
October	13,961	13,843	4,749	3,744	2,434	1,263	126	369	40,489
November	13,178	11,753	4,358	3,013	1,896	1,256	91	197	35,742
December	12,639	10,385	3,752	2,678	1,936	825	217	860	33,292
January	11,195	10,489	3,645	2,635	1,464	1,019	206	495	31,148
February	13,392	10,957	4,476	3,266	2,554	988	342	1,584	37,559
March	14,465	12,551	4,327	5,122	2,077	1,159	162	412	40,27
April	19,058	14,064	4,727	4,536	2,725	1,279	310	1,272	47,971
May	16,819	12,851	5,098	4,609	1,965	1,438	129	616	43,525
June	18,316	13,270	6,003	4,902	2,631	1,192	485	3,573	50,372
1959–60—									
July	16,658	14,568	5,435	3,820	2,722	1,452	298	1,109	46,062
August	17,037	13,229	5,841	3,748	2,164	1,640	129	1,583	45,371
September		15,923	5,258	4,427	3,370	1,390	553	833	53,630
October	24,549	14,682	5,212 5,457	7,364 4,129	2,952 2,381	1,771 2,863	311 154	656 1,311	57,49° 51,35°
November December	16,580 17,008	18,480 11,483	4,953	3,092	2,301	1,939	134	2,332	43,360
_	10.711	10,262	4,540	4,092	2,012	857	244	587	36,30
January February	1 6 00 4	12,969	4,702	4,546	2,439	1,367	293	899	43,509
March	24.702	18,842	6,224	4,342	3,287	1,465	190	890	59,94
April	20 10 4	13,362	4,791	3,984	3,411	1,277	87	289	47,39
May	25.750	17,060	5,808	4,376	4,016	1,669	807	1,089	60,583
June	10 100	19,061	7,233	5,214	3,486	1,887	538	1,794	58,699
1960–61—									
July		19,544	6,354	4,581	2,883	1,219	246	494	58,87
August		19,154	7,032	4,724	3,244	1,718	174	854	59,12
September		13,912	8,413	5,244	3,291	1,747	174	4,806	61,27
October	22,787	17,405	6,589	7,312	3,375	1,007	133	914	59,52

<sup>(</sup>a) See note (a) page 31. (b) Prior to June quarter, 1954, excludes approvals of Hospital Boards. Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

For meaning of symbols n.a., ——, see page 1.

<sup>(</sup>c) Excludes Northern

## BUILDING APPROVALS.

# NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED.(a)

(Individual living units.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia
Monthly Average—									
1953–54	,	1,820	926	512	734	218	n.a.	n.a.	(b)6,764
1954–55	,	2,013	838	752	751	234	27	80	7,185
1955–56		1,881	809	678	518	222	24	56	6,315
1956–57	2,309	1,760	825	584	525	229	14	65	6,31
1957–58	2,505	2,008	907	780	482	212	27	106	7,027
1958–59 1959–60	2,929 3,484	2,066 2,422	952 1,039	708 777	455 537	219 228	31 37	138 129	7,498 8,653
Monthly Total—	3,101	2, 122	1,037	, , ,	331	220	37	129	0,052
1958–59									
October	2,929	2,736	1,091	573	489	223	19	28	8,088
November	3,021	2,046	927	479	379	244	11	22	7,129
December	2,674	1,681	918	434	406	156	42	139	6,450
January	2,603	1,500	737	423	330	235	39	94	5,961
February	2,737	1,802	870	544	409	210	52	190	6,814
March	2,656	1,703	839	875	411	215	22	70	6,791
April	2,818	2,367	988	949	502	243	62	168	8,097
May	3,051	1,878	1,030	808	470	197	19	88	7,541
June	3,048	2,243	1,147	1,004	453	177	30	201	8,303
1959–60—									
July	3,304	2,332	1,039	582	584	250	28	249	8,368
August	3,098	2,175	968	787	510	210	24	104	7,876
September	3,605	2,376	905	691	523	237	22	70	8,429
October	3,215	2,559	1,093	1,143	526	246	52	118	8,952
November	3,716	2,377	1,101	825	505	252	32	169	8,977
December	3,069	1,929	959	453	521	198	31	233	7,393
January	2,591	1,845	834	591	457	170	35	60	6,583
February	3,107	2,261	1,003	1,165	456	221	64	136	8,413
March	4,611	3,089	1,190	927	597	238	43	123	10,818
April	3,364	2,242	1,094	606	495	174	12	31	8,018
May	4,282	2,910	1,231	796	810	263	43	69	10,404
June	3,849	2,970	1,045	762	463	274	56	180	9,599
1960–61—	2.705		1.000						
July	3,706	2,524	1,090	1,120	581	252	35	83	9,391
August	4,051	3,153	1,326	840	607	233	20	167	10,397
September	3,835	2,366	1,158	937	606	238	13	268	9,421
October	3,733	2,773	1,213	1,920	606	217	26	81	10,569

<sup>(</sup>a) See note (a), page 31.

For meaning of symbols n.a., ——, see page 1.

<sup>(</sup>b) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

# VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS: AUSTRALIA.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.) (£'000.)

Devie I	Commenced.				Completed.		Under Construction at end of period.		
Period.	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.
Quarterly Average—									
1954–55	53,263	31,710	84,973	55,529	23,063	78,592	162,978	170,592	333,570
1955–56	53,021	41,171	94,192	56,565	31,602	88,167	156,393	218,652	375,045
1956–57	52,355	37,551	89,906	52,434	37,957	90,391	161,478	224,758	386,236
1957–58	57,259	37,861	95,120	57,875	48,410	106,285	163,698	191,497	355,195
1958–59	63,698	44,395	108,093	65,919	45,074	110,993	159,682	193,771	353,453
1959–60	73,164	57,814	130,978	71,371	50,415	121,786	170,924	227,532	398,456
Quarterly Total— 1957–58—									
June Qtr	61,220	41,668	102,888	60,698	46,974	107,672	163,698	191,497	355,195
Sept. ,,	67,969	49,040	117,009	64,432	42,427	106,859	168,746	201,121	369,867
Dec. ,,	57,096	33,462	90,558	70,439	54,087	124,526	156,777	181,920	338,697
Mar. ,,	63,683	41,496	105,179	60,786	40,864	101,650	160,823	182,743	343,566
June ,,	66,043	53,583	119,626	68,017	42,919	110,936	159,682	193,771	353,453
1959–60—									
Sept. ,,	69,063	61,214	130,277	69,183	52,555	121,738	160,739	203,441	364,180
Dec. ,,	68,639	50,314	118,953	73,102	49,364	122,466	157,096	205,469	362,565
Mar. ,,	73,118	56,469	129,587	67,592	49,002	116,594	163,648	213,449	377,097
June "	81,836	63,258	145,094	75,608	50,739	126,347	170,924	227,532	398,456

## VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)
(£'000.)

Quarterly Average—         27,674         24,733         7,080         6,770         8,524           1954-55         31,035         27,899         7,630         8,429         8,41           1956-57         33,274         28,708         8,846         8,499         5,850           1957-58         42,310         32,939         9,510         9,512         6,810           1958-59         39,960         34,359         11,250         11,099         7,560           1959-60         44,436         37,041         12,551         11,910         7,530		Northern Territory.	Australian Capital	Australia.
1954-55      27,674     24,733     7,080     6,770     8,524       1955-56      31,035     27,899     7,630     8,429     8,419       1956-57      33,274     28,708     8,846     8,499     5,856       1957-58      42,310     32,939     9,510     9,512     6,816       1958-59      39,960     34,359     11,250     11,099     7,560			Territory.	
1955-56        31,035       27,899       7,630       8,429       8,419         1956-57        33,274       28,708       8,846       8,499       5,856         1957-58        42,310       32,939       9,510       9,512       6,810         1958-59        39,960       34,359       11,250       11,099       7,560	2 ((2	412	726	70.502
1956-57        33,274       28,708       8,846       8,499       5,856         1957-58        42,310       32,939       9,510       9,512       6,810         1958-59        39,960       34,359       11,250       11,099       7,560		413	736	78,592
1957-58      42,310     32,939     9,510     9,512     6,810       1958-59      39,960     34,359     11,250     11,099     7,560		484	1,072	88,167
1958–59	/	571	1,485	90,391
		528	1,460	106,285
1050-60 44-436 37-041 12-221 11-910 7-25	/	647	2,750	110,993
1959-60 44,430 37,041 12,331 11,910 7,331	0 3,951	640	3,727	121,786
Quarterly Total—       1957–58—         June Otr.       42,400       34,908       8,013       9,774       6,48	8 3,621	599	1,869	107 672
June Qtr 42,400 34,908 8,013 9,774 6,48 1958–59—	5 3,021	377	1,009	107,672
Sont 30.545 30.064 10.657 9.731 9.70	6 3,066	538	2,652	106,859
Dec. , 43,090 39,640 12,753 14,056 7,82		752	3,257	124,526
Mar. ,, 39,600 30,775 9,703 9,472 6,23		773	2,169	101,650
June ,, 37,606 36,058 11,887 11,135 6,49		525	2,921	110,936
1959–60—			,	,
Sept. ,, 43,363 35,644 12,066 11,313 7,26	3,739	635	7,717	121,738
Dec. ,, 41,694 40,131 13,890 12,206 8,38	0 3,162	595	2,408	122,466
Mar. ,, 44,854 35,023 11,586 11,664 6,39	4 3,857	730	2,486	116,594
June ,, 47,834 37,364 12,663 12,457 8,08	5 5,045			

#### NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS.(a)

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

1958-59	Australia	Australian Capital Territory.	Northern Territory.	Tasmania.	Western Australia.	South Australia.	Queensland.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Period.
1954-55   6,282   5,964   2,016   1,816   2,239   738   62   19,1955-56   6,096   5,490   1,847   2,127   1,672   631   85   20,1955-56   6,608   5,190   1,963   1,782   1,429   665   63   19,1957-58   6,461   5,804   1,836   1,863   1,390   616   78   28   1958-59   7,371   6,667   2,222   2,219   1,368   692   83   39,1959-60   8,453   6,681   2,570   2,431   1,566   635   107   39,1957-58   7,721   6,444   2,390   2,170   1,497   725   101   54   54   54   54   54   54   54   5						MMENCED.	Со			
1955-56	10.200	102	(2)	720	2.220	1.016	2.016	5.064	6.202	
1956-57	19,309									
1957-58	18,155									
1958-59	17,364									
1959-60	18,337	289								
Quarterly Total— 1957—58—June Qtr. 1958—59—Sept. ,, 7,721	20,421	399								
1957-58	22,838	395	107	635	1,566	2,431	2,570	6,681	8,453	
1958-59—Sept.										
Dec.	19,493	316				,			6,862	957–58—June Qtr.
Mar. ", 7,557 5,964 2,128 2,052 1,450 651 95 45 June ", 7,357 6,112 2,394 2,528 1,392 701 92 38 1959-60—Sept. ", 8,254 6,100 2,478 2,442 1,523 620 83 41 Dec. ", 7,858 6,649 2,453 2,356 1,358 674 125 42 Mar. ", 7,950 6,718 2,560 2,564 1,707 582 104 38 June ", 9,749 7,255 2,787 2,363 1,674 665 114 35  **Completed  **Completed  **Ouarterly Average**  1954-55 7,396 6,155 2,059 1,857 2,277 632 50 10 1955-56 6,786 5,981 1,899 1,952 2,086 693 78 15 1956-57 5,782 5,270 1,848 1,856 1,349 716 82 20 1957-58 6,611 5,618 1,922 1,994 1,592 652 68 18 1958-59 7,508 6,441 2,214 2,196 1,514 677 89 40 1959-60 8,352 6,555 2,481 2,395 1,565 668 85 40  Quarterly Total**  1957-58 —June Qtr. 7,224 5,962 1,807 1,954 1,480 621 75 26 1958-59—Sept. ", 7,494 6,386 2,089 2,204 1,342 595 79 34 Dec. ", 7,706 7,076 2,301 2,239 1,858 614 102 49 Mar. ", 6,905 5,882 2,190 1,980 1,387 632 111 32 June ", 7,925 6,419 2,277 2,360 1,41 867 64 44  1959-60—Sept. ", 8,300 6,271 2,424 2,309 1,613 656 75 49 Dec. ", 8,071 7,119 2,648 2,570 1,615 638 95 40  Mar. ", 7,983 5,901 2,307 2,337 1,367 652 92 June ", 9,054 6,928 2,544 2,363 1,665 726 79 40  **UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.**  UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.**  1954-55 18,103 18,978 3,213 6,373 4,596 2,375 2,40 1,05 1955-56 18,103 18,978 3,213 6,373 4,596 2,375 240 1,05 1955-56 18,103 18,978 3,313 5,510 4,114 2,027 199 1,40 1955-59 18,103 17,906 3,361 5,603 3,527 2,088 177 1,39 1959-60 18,501 18,409 3,716 5,749 3,559 1,957 262 1,355	21,597	549			1,497	2,170				958–59—Sept. ,,
Mar. , 7,557	18,782	211	46	692	1,132	2,126	1,975	5,749	6,851	Dec. ,,
June , 7,357 6,112 2,394 2,528 1,392 701 92 38 1959-60—Sept. , 8,254 6,100 2,478 2,442 1,523 620 83 41 Dec. , 7,858 6,649 2,453 2,356 1,358 674 125 42 Mar. , 7,950 6,718 2,560 2,564 1,707 582 104 38 June , 9,749 7,255 2,787 2,363 1,674 665 114 35  **Completed.**    Dec.   T,858	20,350	453	95	651	1,450	2,052	2,128	5,964	7,557	Mon
1959-60—Sept. ,	20,958	382	92	701	1,392	2,528	2,394	6,112	7,357	Tuno
Dec.     7,858   6,649   2,453   2,356   1,358   674   125   42   Mar.     7,950   6,718   2,560   2,564   1,707   582   104   38   June     9,749   7,255   2,787   2,363   1,674   665   114   355	21,918	418	83	620						050 (O Comt
Mar.         7,950         6,718         2,560         2,564         1,707         582         104         38           June         9,749         7,255         2,787         2,363         1,674         665         114         35           COMPLETED.           Quarterly Average—           1954–55         .         7,396         6,155         2,059         1,857         2,277         632         50         10           1955–56         .         6,786         5,981         1,899         1,952         2,086         693         78         15           1956–57         .         5,782         5,270         1,848         1,856         1,349         716         82         20           1957–58         .         6,611         5,618         1,922         1,994         1,592         652         68         18           1958–59         .         7,508         6,441         2,214         2,196         1,514         677         89         40           1957–58         June         Qtr.         7,224         5,962         1,807         1,954         1,480         621         75         26	21,900	427	125							Dee
Quarterly Average	22,569	384	104	582						Mon
Completed   Comp	24,957	350	114							Lung
1954-55						MPLETED.	Co			
1955-56										
1956-57	20,528	102							7,396	954–55
1957–58          6,611         5,618         1,922         1,994         1,592         652         68         18           1958–59          7,508         6,441         2,214         2,196         1,514         677         89         40           1959–60          8,352         6,555         2,481         2,395         1,565         668         85         40           Quarterly Total—           1957–58—June Qtr.         7,224         5,962         1,807         1,954         1,480         621         75         26           1958–59—Sept.         ,         7,494         6,386         2,089         2,204         1,342         595         79         34           Dec.         ,         7,706         7,076         2,301         2,239         1,858         614         102         49           Mar.         ,         6,905         5,882         2,190         1,980         1,387         632         111         32           June         ,         7,925         6,419         2,277         2,360         1,471         867         64         44           1959–60—Sept.         ,	19,626	151	78	693		1,952	1,899	5,981	6,786	955–56
1958–59	17,109	206	82	716			1,848	5,270	5,782	956–57
1959-60	18,646	189	68	652	1,592	1,994	1,922	5,618	6,611	957–58
Quarterly Total—           1957-58—June Qtr.         7,224         5,962         1,807         1,954         1,480         621         75         26           1958-59—Sept.         7,494         6,386         2,089         2,204         1,342         595         79         34           Dec.         7,706         7,076         2,301         2,239         1,858         614         102         49           Mar.         6,905         5,882         2,190         1,980         1,387         632         111         32           June         7,925         6,419         2,277         2,360         1,471         867         64         44           1959-60—Sept.         8,300         6,271         2,424         2,309         1,613         656         75         49           Dec.         8,071         7,119         2,648         2,570         1,615         638         95         40           Mar.         7,983         5,901         2,307         2,337         1,367         652         92         31           June         9,054         6,928         2,544         2,363         1,665         726         79         40	21,040	401	89	677	1,514	2,196	2,214	6,441	7,508	958–59
Quarterly Total—           1957–58—June Qtr.         7,224         5,962         1,807         1,954         1,480         621         75         26           1958–59—Sept.         7,494         6,386         2,089         2,204         1,342         595         79         34           Dec.         7,706         7,076         2,301         2,239         1,858         614         102         49           Mar.         6,905         5,882         2,190         1,980         1,387         632         111         32           June         7,925         6,419         2,277         2,360         1,471         867         64         44           1959–60—Sept.         8,300         6,271         2,424         2,309         1,613         656         75         49           Dec.         8,071         7,119         2,648         2,570         1,615         638         95         40           Mar.         7,983         5,901         2,307         2,337         1,367         652         92         31           June         9,054         6,928         2,544         2,363         1,665         726         79         40	22,505	404	85	668	1,565	2,395	2,481	6,555		
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	54,623	1,402	199	2,027	4,114	5,510	3,331	19,400	18,640	7–58—June Qtr
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	52,098	1,331								,,,
	53,03	1,458								Mar. ,,
	52,159	1,394	177		3,527	5,603	3,361	17,906	18,103	June "
	51,932	1,317	185	2,052	3,437	5,736	3,415	17,735	18,055	
	50,669	1,337	215							
	52,283	1,408								3.6
	53,47	1,354								· ·

<sup>(</sup>a) Individual living units. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversion of old buildings into flats are omitted. Figures for flats include "home units".

# PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

	F	Black Coa	ıl.				light and wer.			Metals.		
Period.	Underground.	Open Cut.	Total.	Brown Coal.	Gold, (Mine Pro- duction).	Gas made in Gas- works.	Total Elec- tricity Gener- ated.	Pig Iron.	Ingot Steel. (b)	Zinc, Refined.	Lead, Refined. (c)(e)	Copper Refined (c)
Monthly	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 fine oz.	Million cubic feet.	Million kWh.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Average—  1936–37  1937–38  1938–39  1953–54  1954–55  1955–56  1956–57  1957–58  1958–59  1959–60p	976 988 1,048 1,362 1,393 1,403 1,469 1,519 1,555 r1,613	1 2 3 257 220 183 174 178 150 r156	977 990 1,051 1,619 1,613 1,586 1,643 1,697 1,705 r1,769	258 300 267 728 806 865 898 906 1,020 r1,175	108.2 123.3 135.1 92.6 90.0 86.0 88.5 90.3 91.7 90.4	1,679 1,746 1,789 3,508 3,622 3,719 3,878 4,024 4,055 4,218	331 363 391 1,142 1,264 1,399 1,531 1,649 1,761 1,945	(f) 76.1 77.5 92.1 152.2 155.7 159.2 174.8 190.3 191.1 221.1	( <i>f</i> ) 90.0 97.2 97.5 176.4 184.1 193.4 231.2 253.1 267.0 291.9	5,840 5,810 5,819 8,267 8,376 8,664 8,691 9,416 9,559 9,818	17,562 18,797 19,416 19,669 19,613 18,372 19,983 21,352 19,912 19,779	1,280 1,437 1,457 1,742 2,533 2,039 2,711 2,987 3,772 5,404
Monthly Total—  1958–59— October November December January February March April May June	1,836 1,600 1,215 1,010 1,532 1,556 1,583 1,559 1,658	157 164 152 124 128 117 138 131	1,993 1,764 1,367 1,134 1,660 1,673 1,721 1,690 1,801	1,032 998 926 869 861 977 1,024 1,130 1,188	94.5 88.8 100.8 79.8 85.2 93.9 82.7 82.7 99.5	4,147 3,663 3,596 3,253 3,190 3,384 3,769 4,453 4,864	1,774 1,660 1,638 1,591 1,574 1,688 1,731 1,893 1,987	182.4 188.9 200.6 199.2 180.5 188.0 192.6 206.9 231.1	266.1 263.5 270.7 268.3 244.7 275.0 266.2 288.2 291.7	9,862 9,382 9,696 9,412 8,587 9,606 9,350 9,944 9,724	18,284 21,120 21,014 21,212 20,336 18,821 19,851 18,919 20,458	4,479 3,898 2,020 2,476 3,700 3,867 3,751 4,280 4,011
July August September October November December January February March April May June	1,760 1,651 1,748 1,721 1,685 1,139 1,187 1,594 1,815 r1,515 r1,781 r1,763	149 161 165 151 158 131 107 132 165 r148 r188 r210	1,909 1,812 1,913 1,872 1,843 1,270 1,294 1,726 1,980 r1,663 r1,969 r1,973	1,262 1,209 1,150 r1,185 1,145 1,035 1,062 1,124 1,169 r1,130 r1,293 r1,337	90.3 86.8 93.6 93.6 95.0 101.8 79.3 80.6 93.4 93.4 80.6 96.2	5,108 4,919 4,433 4,344 3,776 3,615 3,272 3,387 3,730 3,891 4,930 5,212	2,121 2,032 1,930 1,941 1,840 1,781 1,735 1,766 1,937 1,872 2,177 2,212	210.4 212.3 207.9 256.9 206.9 212.9 215.0 194.4 219.2 239.1 247.6 248.5	290.7 285.0 277.0 306.5 297.0 295.3 283.9 273.9 296.0 293.0 313.2 305.1	9,990 10,083 9,808 10,120 9,736 10,094 9,842 9,247 9,944 9,709 10,056 9,186	18,876 20,077 20,049 17,661 20,056 19,800 21,712 20,704 19,700 18,884 19,468 20,363	3,928 3,874 5,620 6,694 5,678 4,046 4,186 6,187 5,637 6,241 6,428 6,326
1960–61p— July August September October	1,745 1,955 1,822 1,752	204 229 213 186	1,949 2,184 2,035 1,938	r1,403 1,423 1,338 1,299	r90.2 89.3 96.3 95.5	5,463 5,322 r4,658 4,354	2,312 2,303 r2,121 2,081	239.3 251.9 243.2 255.6	309.3 332.2 309.7 315.2	10,500 10,366 9,974 10,460	21,661 20,321 20,255 19,911	r4,569 r6,534 r5,507 6,240

<sup>(</sup>a) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia. (b) Includes recovery from scrap. (c) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources. (d) Refined slab; includes small quantities of metal recovered from zinc dust used in works. (e) Includes lead content of antimonial lead and of lead-silver bullion produced for export. (f) Monthly averages for twelve months ended May.

# PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

			Bui	lding Mate	rials.			Сс	ooking Stov	es.	
Period.	Clay Bricks.	Terra-	g Tiles.	Cement Building. Sheets.	Sawn Native Timber.	Portland Cement.	Fibrous Plaster Sheets.	Solid Fuel. (b)	Gas. (b)	Electric.	Domesti Refrigera tors.
		cotta.									
Monthly	Million.	'000.	'000.	'000 sq. yds. (d)	Million sup. ft.	'000 tons.	'000 sq. yds.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Average— 1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	53.1 57.4 60.0	2,630 3,023 3,307	326 430 374	522 678 791	53.6 62.2 59.8	60.0 71.0 72.3	567 619 634	n.a. 4,562 4,538	n.a. 3,481 3,894	n.a. 749 730	n.a. 1,257 2,458
1953–54	66.8 69.9	5,315 5,328 5,392	3,721 4,477	2,174 2,340 2,208	116.7 120.8 121.2	141.7 160.0 169.6	1,349 1,482 (e)1,510	4,198 4,147 3,942	3,587 4,897 4,753	3,098 3,929 3,984	22,874 23,381 20,617
1955–56	70.0 67.1 73.2 78.4 85.8	4,806 4,911 4,936 4,793	4,483 3,716 4,122 4,355 4,797	2,208 2,120 2,169 2,241 2,545	118.3 122.4 128.8 125.0	181.0 190.9 206.8 219.6	1,355 1,507 1,528 1,533	3,834 3,602 3,288 3,076	4,753 4,550 4,663 5,531 6,714	4,323 4,588 5,315 6,115	16,293 16,327 18,316 20,097
Monthly											
Total— 1958–59 p—	06.1	5.55(	4.704	2 271	126.0	222 0	1 625	3,736	7,212	5,881	27,632
October November December	86.1 79.0 73.3	5,556 4,945 4,221	4,794 4,464 3,770	2,371 2,446 1,897	136.8 130.6 115.7	223.9 210.2 192.6	1,625 1,544 1,276	3,312 3,107	6,268 5,798	5,361 4,956	23,445 23,389
January February March April	53.4 75.9 81.6 84.7	3,571 4,909 4,881 5,467	3,134 4,383 4,388 4,810	1,587 2,209 1,875 2,333	90.6 105.2 116.8 120.2	158.7 190.3 215.3 218.5	1,098 1,478 1,448 1,610	2,105 2,972 3,234 3,252	3,838 6,111 5,130 5,653	3,340 5,620 5,826 6,514	13,725 16,809 12,406 12,439
May June 1959–60 p—	85.6 85.6	5,216 5,041	4,720 4,560	2,622 2,375	133.9 138.8	232.5 212.6	1,551 1,542	3,061 3,406	4,397 4,091	5,996 5,775	12,645 14,238
July August September	88.6 85.7 93.4	5,604 4,841 5,324	4,857 5,064 5,056	2,575 2,852 2,647	135.2 129.5 134.1	223.2 229.0 225.6	1,640 1,555 1,603	3,759 3,444 3,356	6,843 7,190 8,116	5,947 5,487 6,490	20,131 19,185 25,915
October November December January	90.5 84.9 78.7 56.8	4,892 4,612 4,265 3,167	5,035 5,073 4,303 3,210	2,804 2,826 2,405 1,514	136.2 133.9 118.8 94.1	226.4 225.0 217.5 170.7	1,586 1,597 1,340 1,096	3,349 3,143 3,072 1,873	7,625 7,455 7,033 4,000	6,436 6,958 6,792 3,676	30,863 27,367 25,187 17,098
February March April	85.0 99.3 80.5	4,684 5,533 4,564	4,481 5,373 4,587	2,623 2,581 2,423	116.0 124.6 116.8	212.1 228.2 213.4	1,571 1,736 1,454	2,860 3,099 2,662	6,831 7,362 6,027	6,154 7,610 5,805	17,894 17,471 10,325
May June 1960–61 p—	94.7	4,872 5,160	5,472 5,059	2,718 2,572	127.6 134.6	230.4	1,606 1,613	3,087 3,207	6,224 5,867	6,603 5,416	13,140 16,586
July August September October	91.3 101.1 97.9 96.0	4,556 5,433 4,844 4,723	5,204 5,549 5,369 5,410	2,657 2,817 2,790 2,894	127.5 133.2 144.6 136.9	243.3 244.8 253.2 252.9	1,577 1,695 1,640 1,598	3,699 3,969 3,457 2,818	6,279 8,839 7,925 7,291	5,412 7,681 7,198 6,998	16,99 <b>0</b> 24,371 30,324 28,777

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes sawn sleepers. (b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947–48—thereafter household cooking stoves only. (c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944–45—thereafter household cooking stoves only. (d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944–45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation. (e) From July, 1955 represents total production in all establishments and includes small quantities not previously recorded in some States.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, ——, see page 1.

### PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

		Cotton	Textiles.		,	Wool Textiles		Boots, Shoe
Period.			Cotton	Pure Rayon				and Sandals
Period.		Cotton Yarn.	Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling).	Fabrics.	Scoured and Carbonized Wool.	Yarn.	Woven Cloth.	(not Rubber).
		,000	'000	'000	Million	Million	Million	'000
3.6. (13. )		1b.	sq. yds.	sq. yds.	lb.	lb.	sq. yds.	pairs.
Monthly Average—		720						
1936–37 1937–38	• •	730 965	n.a.	n.a.	8.4	2.14	2.04	1,208
1938–39		974	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	7.9	2.51 2.71	2.47 2.65	1,176 1,164
1953–54		3,175	2,678	1,686	11.4	3.83	2.73	1,704
1954–55		3,458	2,753	1,259	11.3	3.56	2.38	1,657
1955–56		3,379	3,222	1,308	12.1	3.60	2.33	1,651
1956–57		3,498	3,856	1,895	13.8	3.98	2.73	1,745
1957–58		3,720	3,695	1,768	12.8	3.82	2.68	1,782
1958–59 1959–60p		3,607	3,522	1,376	13.1	3.38	2.27	2,005
1939-00p	• •	3,845	r 3,577	1,381	14.5	4.21	2.51	2,115
Monthly Total—								
1958-59 p—								
October		3,930	3,910	1,484	12.4	3.51	2.52	2,486
November		3,520	3,606	1,277	13.5	3.41	2.45	2,136
December		2,990	3,050	1,096	12.1	2.88	2.12	1,807
January February		2,638 3,589	2,796 3,321	896 1,305	10.0 13.4	2.39 3.57	1.62	1,166
March		3,590	3,420	1,342	13.4	3.66	2.47 2.56	1,811 1,820
April		4,234	3,968	1,512	14.5	4.02	2.58	1,988
May		3,686	3,433	1,357	15.3	3.90	2.39	1,902
June		3,801	3,641	1,588	16.1	4.02	2.33	2,056
1959-60 p—								
July		4,143	r3,715	1,416	16.2	4.27	2.34	2,266
August		3,677	3,571	1,315	13.4	3.79	2.25	2,339
September		4,104	3,628	1,561	14.7	4.50	2.65	2,558
October November		3,619	3,347	1,389	14.3	4.44	2.77	2,489
December	• •	3,757 3,160	3,470 2,884	1,486 1,215	15.2	4.33	2.85	2,487
January		2,927	3,005	989	13.5 12.4	3.73 2.97	2.37 1.84	1,954 1,213
February		3,665	3,450	1,305	14.1	4.20	2.68	r1,213
March		4,228	3,885	1,300	15.9	4.89	3.08	2,160
April		3,823	3,601	1,243	12.8	4.02	2.27	1,756
May		4,265	3,919	1,455	15.4	4.64	2.48	2,060
June	• •	4,775	4,449	1,900	16.1	4.76	2.57	2,184
1960-61 p—								
July		4,316	4,183	1,626	14.0	4.24	2.29	r2,066
August		4,718	4,445	1,652	13.5	4.96	2.70	r2,488
September		4,286	4,164	1,569	12.1	4.63	2.55	r2,444
October		4,106	4,011	1,733	13.4	4.50	2.52	2,323

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes Infants Soft Soled Nursery prior to July, 1956. For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, ——, see page 1.

#### PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—continued.

				Hosiery.(a)			Under	wear.(b)	
Period.	Men's (c)  '000 do pairs  83. 86. 91.  157. 138. 130. 120. 122. 109. 130.  124. 114. 89. 64. 103.	Men's.	Full Length (Fully Fash. and Circular).	Other.	Children's.	Infants' and Baby Wear.(e)	Men's, Youths' and Boys'.	Women's, Maids' and Girls'.	Shirts, Men's and Boys'.
		'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz
Monthly Average— 1936–37 1937–38 1938–39		83.1 86.7 91.9	15	7.1 3.7 8.0	49 52		22	1.8 7.6 9.2	(f)60.6 (f)69.9 (f)56.2
1953–54		157.9 138.7 130.0		$ \begin{array}{c cccc} (g) & 101.2 \\ (g) & 93.9 \\ \hline (g) & 88.6 \\ \hline 22.9 \end{array} $	(h) {	(i) { 9.2	120.8 119.6 130.3 139.8	224.4 235.4 234.4 244.3	103.3 117.5 109.1 118.8
1957–58 1958–59 1959–60 p		122.7 109.2 130.2	184.8 204.8 212.5	25.0 18.9 21.8	60.3 62.2 65.0	8.4 7.9 11.4	151.5 154.5 156.2	238.0 247.5 261.6	127.5 134.5 153.0
Monthly Total—  1958–59 p— October November December January February March April May June		124.2 114.8 89.0 64.1 103.6 103.9 119.5 115.8 122.6	245.7 210.1 170.6 127.0 194.9 194.4 214.8 224.5 220.2	22.5 18.7 14.3 10.9 15.3 17.2 17.6 17.3 17.1	70.0 59.8 57.7 37.3 59.5 57.1 59.4 61.1 66.4	7.3 6.1 6.4 5.2 10.2 8.3 8.9 8.5 9.5	181.9 162.1 146.7 92.1 152.3 154.7 161.9 146.5 150.6	293.2 285.2 241.8 154.3 262.5 245.2 235.3 234.4 236.6	174.2 153.1 120.4 59.7 109.9 110.6 119.8 129.2 134.1
July August September October November December January February March April May June		146.1 130.1 159.5 162.6 151.8 113.2 75.8 113.1 128.2 109.2 131.1 141.7	229.8 223.0 230.6 230.4 219.8 176.0 135.4 206.5 233.0 195.4 225.7 245.3	19.6 22.9 22.5 23.0 21.4 17.3 13.9 22.1 26.0 22.6 24.6 25.8	64.7 63.3 76.2 73.1 65.9 56.5 42.3 68.1 70.2 59.4 71.2 69.6	11.8 11.6 13.2 11.9 16.5 10.3 8.1 10.1 9.8 8.8 12.5 12.3	180.8 148.7 180.4 155.6 168.2 142.9 94.2 155.2 178.4 133.1 156.4 180.7	274.6 250.3 288.1 280.4 302.6 267.5 156.9 260.3 284.8 217.6 266.3 289.6	186.0 169.1 192.2 193.3 179.7 146.2 76.9 121.5 141.0 119.2 146.8 164.6
1960–61 p— July August September October		134.6 159.0 150.6 155.6	231.3 257.7 259.5 249.8	25.3 28.3 r23.5 22.1	72.2 83.6 75.8 64.6	11.8 13.5 12.4 14.8	164.2 201.8 r177.8 182.6	299.2 325.4 295.7 306.1	171.1 206.5 r204.2 187.5

<sup>(</sup>a) Series revised. (b) Total made including that knitted or made of knitted or woven fabric. (c) Includes Boys' prior to July, 1956. (d) Includes Maids' and Girls' stockings subsequent to June, 1956. (e) From July, 1956 specified as sizes 0 to 3 only. (f) Excludes knitted. (g) Includes Infants' and Baby Wear and some Children's. (h) Included with Men's and Women's (i) Included with Anklets.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

#### PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

					Products (F Production)			Meat (	Bone-in We	eight).(a)		
Period.	Wheaten Flour.	Refined Sugar.	Whole Milk for All Purposes.	Butter.	Cheese.	Processed Full Cream Milk Products.	Beef (including Veal).	Mutton.	Lamb.	Pigmeat.	Total. Meat.	Beer.
	'000	'000	Million	Т	Т	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
	short tons.	tons.	gals.	Tons.	Tons.	gals.(b)	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	gals.
Monthly	torio.											
Average—												
1936–37	102.4	27.0	89.9	13,908	1,636	n.a.	45.9	16.0	10.0	7.7	79.6	6,26
1937–38	104.2	28.9	96.4	15,242	2,018	n.a.	49.7	17.2	9.9	7.2	84.0	7,08
1938–39	114.4	28.2	99.2	16,232	2,415	2,781	46.6	17.1	9.6	7.2	80.5	7,52
1953-54	134.1	37.4	99.1	13,010	4,087	6,333	58.7	19.8	10.6	7.0	96.1	17,38
1954-55	129.4	40.1	110.5	15,667	3,765	5,364	60.0	20.0	12.3	8.3	100.6	18,47
1955–56	130.9	41.0	116.8	17,149	3,223	5,944	62.6	19.5	12.1	7.8	102.0	18,95
1956–57	136.0	40.0	113.2	15,820	3,764	6,510	67.9	18.6	11.9	7.4	105.8	18,39
1957–58	110.1	41.1	105.4	14,410	2,991	6,655	65.9	22.5	12.6	8.5	109.5	18,87
1958–59 1959–60p	113.7	p43.4 45.6	114.1 117.4	15,910 16,228	3,619 3,712	6,756 6,976	75.5 64.0	25.9 29.9	15.2 16.4	8.5 8.5	125.1 118.8	18,63 19,74
1737-00p	121.7	75.0	117.7	10,220	3,712	0,570	04.0	27.7	10.4	0.5	110.0	17,77
Monthly												
Total—												
1958–59—	p 112.1	p	156 6	22 202	5 720	10.446	79.6	27.5	22 1	0.6	120 0	p
Oct Nov	112.1	45.1	156.6 154.6	23,292 22,859	5,730 5,560	10,446 10,703	74.0	27.5 26.6	23.1 25.9	9.6 8.8	139.8 135.3	21,70 22,18
Dec	104.7	40.5	160.4	24,517	5,049	10,631	70.9	29.7	21.3	8.9	130.8	25,03
Jan	112.4	42.6	148.3	22,511	4,540	8,613	60.5	28.5	13.3	7.6	109.9	19,76
Feb	107.6	43.0	117.5	17,049	3,288	6,228	67.0	30.1	11.9	8.4	117.4	18,57
Mar	107.4	42.5	111.3	15,622	2,940	5,962	69.9	27.7	11.7	8.9	118.2	19,17
Apr	112.2	41.2	91.3 75.2	11,972	2,361	4,442	77.4	25.0 25.0	11.9	9.1	123.4	18,83 15,83
May June	120.1	49.0	67.1	8,842 7,356	2,016 1,931	3,449 2,776	85.3	25.3	11.8 12.2	8.1	128.5 130.0	15,83
5 4110	150.0	37.7	07.11	,,,,,,,	1,551	2,770	00.0	20.0	12.2	7.2	150.0	10,21
1959–60 p												
July	132.4	42.0	74.1	8,280	2,300	3,635	92.6	26.1	13.8	8.0	140.5	17,05
Aug Sept	129.9 125.6	45.5 40.9	98.2 r132.5	12,508 18,634	3,373 4,752	6,020 9,027	71.8 67.6	22.9 28.0	12.8 17.8	7.5 8.2	115.0 121.6	17,18 20,75
Oct	133.8	55.8	166.1	24,689	6,003	11,300	62.4	34.7	22.4	9.3	121.0	21,49
Nov	136.6	47.7	178.1	27,173	5,916	12,281	51.3	34.7	21.9	8.3	116.2	22,04
Dec	110.8	44.4	r172.7	26,660	5,450	10,373	49.0	35.5	19.2	9.0	112.7	25,60
Jan	111.3	42.2	151.8	22,754	4,721	9,207	50.2	34.0	15.6	7.7	107.5	21,36
Feb	105.2	43.7	125.2	17,965	3,682	7,032	52.3	31.9	15.6	8.4	108.2	20,40
Mar	116.9	53.4	105.8	14,213	2,965	5,469	63.9	31.0	17.3	9.9	122.1	21,12
Apr May	104.3	44.4 48.0	77.3 65.7	9,098 6,794	1,954 1,666	3,685 2,845	62.6	27.3 26.5	15.1 13.0	8.5 8.6	113.5 120.0	17,69
June		38.9	61.1	5,963	1,760	2,843	71.9	26.2	13.5	8.5	120.0	15,37
1000 01												
1960–61— July		39.4	69.9	7,215	2,315	3 811	r65.0	r25.0	r12.9	r8.1	111.0	16,19
Aug		43.8		12,736	3,810			r24.9	r14.3	8.3	101.9	20,3
Sept				17,949	4,995		r51.5	r28.2	r19.8	9.1	108.6	20,7
Oct				22,627	6,164		44.0	28.9	26.0	9.2	108.1	20,5

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes monthly estimates of production in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. (b) Whole milk equivalent.

#### PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

			Che	micals and	Allied Proc	ducts.	Me	otor Bodies.	.(a)	Description
		T - 1			Pai	nts.				Pneumat Tyres—
Perio	d.	Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes.	Sulphuric Acid (100%).	Super- phosphate.	Ready- Mixed Paint and Enamels.	Lacquers, Nitro- Cellulose.	Sedans and Coupes.	Tourers and Roadsters.	Utilities.	Motor Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero, etc
			'000	'000	'000	'000				
		'000 lb.	tons.	tons.	gals.	gals.	No.	No.	No.	'000.
Monthly Average—	-									
1936–37		 1,805	36.4	90.9	n.a.	n.a.	3,660	478	610	n.a.
1937–38		 1,904	41.3	102.8	209	60	4,032	804	518	n.a.
1938–39		 1,939	40.8	100.0	224	48	3,426	816	715	n.a.
1953–54		 3,487	61.0	147.6	657	109	5	,514	2,088	241
1954–55		 3,706	69.6	163.4	812	123		,002	2,245	293
1955–56		 3,842	74.7	177.2	890	125		,912	2,030	303
1956–57		 4,129	73.2	164.6	906	121	6	,230	1,804	287
1957–58		 4,255	82.6	185.0	924	130	8	,129	2,370	317
1958–59		 4,371	82.2	177.0	953	133		,846	2,282	328
1959–60 р		 (b)4,535	89.1	198.3	993	150		,538	2,373	350
Monthly Total—										
1958-59 p—		(b)					(	(c)		
October		 4,441	75.6	171.6	1,119	152	10	,719	2,413	367
November		 4,332	80.5	165.7	1,080	138	9	,723	2,134	318
December		 5,039	66.6	136.5	1,023	122	8	,613	1,856	294
January		 3,961	79.3	168.3	705	94	7	,095	1,403	203
February		 4,212	77.9	164.4	979	138	10	,231	2,165	322
March		 3,903	92.6	200.7	907	132	9	,170	2,304	285
April		 4,632	89.4	221.5	954	148	10	,682	2,930	361
May		 4,206	89.3	176.9	925	136	10	,036	3,042	351
June		 4,151	75.0	185.5	795	134	10	,148	2,467	339
1959–60 p—		4.470	=2.0	1.55	4.000	4.7.5	10	000		
July		 4,478	73.2	157.4	1,008	156		,030	2,549	386
August		 4,296	82.9	175.3	947	144		,597	2,414	352
September		 4,347	81.7	188.2	1,052	155		,585	2,702	369
October		 4,700	85.0	183.1	1,073	167		,247	2,717	378
November		 4,628	73.1	140.7	1,087	163		,478	2,521	350
December		 5,216	83.7	187.7	1,006	134		,247	2,049	284
January		 4,231	88.1	178.4	718	109		,004	1,370	236
February		 4,362	90.3	197.4	1,011	160		,687	2,250	342
March		 4,591	102.0	249.5	1,140	184		,507	2,734	398
April		 4,283	106.9	253.2	926	153		,319	2,312	323
May		 4,769	104.3	237.9	1,005	153		,381	2,583	393
June		 4,516	97.5	231.3	944	118	14	,377	2,280	389
1960-61 p—		4 444	90 P	160 2	020	116	1.4	562	2.401	0.50
July		 4,444	80.8	169.3	930	116		,563	2,491	358
August		 5,951	89.0	203.5	1,060	134		,348	2,737	439
September		 3,681	95.0	194.5	1,091	134		,779	2,429	410
October		 4,391	85.8	184.8	1,162	123	15	,787	2,403	372

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes those made, built or assembled wholly or mainly from imported panels. (b) Quantity on which excise duty was paid. (c) From July, 1958, includes Station Wagons.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, ——, see page 1.

#### INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES: VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source: Monthly Bulletin of Statistics of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base: 1953 = 100.)

Period.	Belgium.	Canada.	Denmark.	France.	Germany West.	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Norway.	Sweden. (a) (c)	United King- dom. (a) (b)	U.S.A.
1953	 100 106 116 123 123 115 119	100 100 110 120 120 118 128	100 109 112 115 121 125 135	100 110 120 133 144 150 159	100 112 128 138 147 151 162	100 109 120 128 137 142 158	100 108 116 144 167 168 208	100 110 118 123 126 127 139	100 108 116 122 128 128 134	100 104 111 114 r117 r120 r124	100 106 112 113 115 113 120	100 94 106 109 110 102 r116
March April May June July August September October November December	 119 117 115 113 100 107 118 119 116	116 115 120 123 116 117 121 121 124 116	129 128 126 129 83 126 134 135 135	160 164 166 161 148 100 148 154 161	146 153 151 153 145 142 155 161 168 155	143 138 146 141 152 116 152 157 146 147	179 163 163 162 165 163 168 173 172 183	124 124 128 130 126 121 131 142 128 126	139 118 119 139 86 126 137 139 142	r 127 129 127 127 60 115 123 126 129 124	121 110 113 114 104 96 114 117 121	97 96 98 101 102 105 105 109 110 108
January February March April May June July August September October November December	112 119 121 120 122 105 110 124 126 131	118 125 124 126 129 134 126 126 134 137 133 126	126 132 130 135 137 139 93 139 148 148 150 143	154 159 156 163 169 167 150 107 158 166 179 181	143 149 156 160 163 163 153 153 169 175 186	146 145 154 158 154 155 162 130 170 178 171	171 190 204 195 201 208 209 209 217 221 224 240	127 122 134 140 137 146 141 129 148 156 144	127 142 123 141 126 145 93 130 146 146 148	123 127 131 130 126 127 66 120 132 137 140	115 118 116 121 118 122 110 104 126 131 133 123	110 114 116 118 119 121 112 113 115 116 114
January February March April May June July August September October	 122 129 132 129 131 130 r109 r121 130	128 131 132 127 r131 r134 125 126 132	140 147 147 145 146 145 97 144 148	174 175 172 177 181 179 167 118 175	164 168 176 178 183 185 168 168 183 190	165 174 189 179 189 180 r190 154 193	224 250 268 252 253 257 260 r259 268 272	141 146 163 156 163 r163 151 151 161	137 150 152 132 143 150 99 142 153 155	135 138 140 139 136 140 72 130 138 141	128 131 134 128 133 126 r116 112 r131	122 122 122 121 120 120 114 118 119

<sup>(</sup>a) Adjusted for number of working days.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

<sup>(</sup>b) Includes construction.

<sup>(</sup>c) Excludes electricity and manufactured gas.

#### MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Defence Service vehicles. Prior to January, 1956, Department of the Navy vehicles were included.)

	Motor Vehicle	s on Register at	end of period.	New Motor Vel	hicles Registered	during period
Period.	Motor Cars.(a)	Commercial Vehicles, etc.(a)	Motor Cycles.	Motor Cars.(a)	Commercial Vehicles, etc.(a)	Motor Cycles
	'000.	'000.	'000.	M	onthly Average	es.
1950–51( <i>b</i> )	 878	553	145	10,671	6,461	2,263
1951–52( <i>b</i> )	 1,026	585	154	10,480	6,085	1,846
1952–53( <i>b</i> )	 1,103	584	148	7,773	4,337	941
1953–54	 1,195	612	141	10,466	4,783	905
1054 55	1,342	655	133	13,900	5,598	941
1055 56		683	126	13,644	5,766	878
	 1,467					805
1956–57	 1,564	707	120	12,481	4,916	
1957–58	 1,676	735	116	13,770	5,595	884
1958–59	 1,783	766	111	14,182	6,199	833
1959–60	 1,924	807	103	17,702	7,046	808
				N	 Aonthly Totals	
1958–59—				(c)	(c)	(c)
October	1,720	744	115	16,084	6,453	888
November	 1,728	748	115	14,817	6,154	856
December		752	115		6,576	
	 1,739	754	113	15,930		1,007 904
January	 1,744			12,431	5,082	
February	 1,751	755	114	13,525	5,879	841
March	 1,755	757	113	13,228	6,126	844
April	 1,772	762	113	15,139	7,031	896
May	 1,770	761	111	13,133	6,760	766
June	 1,783	766	111	13,686	6,789	657
1959–60—	1 702	768	110	15,721	7,470	725
July	 1,792	771	109		6,889	706
August	 1,804			15,634		
September	 1,814	775	108	17,261	7,252	827
October	 1,826	779	108	19,132	7,587	815
November	 1,840	784	107	18,743	7,472	782
December	 1,858	790	107	20,817	7,808	913
January	 1,865	790	107	13,394	4,787	773
February	 1,877	793	106	17,128	6,502	992
March	 1,898	799	106	19,820	7,713	972
April	 1,895	798	104	17,014	6,079	715
May	 1,914	803	103	19,013	7,613	761
June	 1,924	807	103	18,744	7,382	711
1960–61—	4	00.5	100	10.000	7 17 1	646
July	 1,927	805	100	18,866	7,474	640
August	 1,949	r812	100	21,082	8,120	728
September	 1,967	817	99	21,254	7,600	727
- President	1,980	820	98	22,842	7,286	761

<sup>(</sup>a) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle; consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles, registered for private use. Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' private cars registered in Victoria were included in commercial vehicle registrations. (b) Excludes the Northern Territory. (c) Includes some new registrations effected in preceding months but not passed into central registration records until subsequent months.

Note.—Particulars of New Motor Vehicles registered, as shown above, are compiled by the Registration Authorities in each State, and, because of the factors referred to in note (a) and for other reasons, differ from those published in the Monthly Bulletin of Registrations of New Motor Vehicles and the Monthly Press Statement.

## GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS: OPERATIONS AND REVENUE.

		Danner	Goods and L	ivestock.(a)		Earr	nings.
Period.	Т	Revenue rain-Miles.	Tons Carried.	Net Ton-miles( <i>b</i> ).	Passenger Journeys.	Gross.	Net.
Mandhla Amara		'000.	'000.	Million.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Monthly Average— 1949–50		7 705	2.262	<b>716</b> 0			
1950–51		7,785 7,390	3,362	516.9	42,054	7,683	-205
1951–52		7,780	3,392 3,672	523.1 562.9	39,674	8,804	-594
1952–53		7,394	3,644	547.8	41,707	11,626	-721
1953–54		7,789	3,880	579.4	41,468 42,557	12,903	-560
1954–55		7,911	3,951	608.0	43,071	14,155	140
1955–56		8,020	3,875	606.1	42,895	14,498 14,765	124 659
1956–57		7,924	3,956	614.1	41,626	15,737	-639 $-376$
1957–58		7,552	3,745	565.5	41,191	14,928	-370 -493
1958-59		7,635	3,977	607.5	40,414	15,430	146
1959–60		7,750	4,234	663.5	39,881	16,265	228
Monthly Total—(c) 1958–59—							
September		7,642	4,045	593.3	43,480	15,914	012
October		7,976	4,261	620.2	39,444	16,422	813 833
November		7,514	3,842	586.9	39,206	15,087	-731
December		7,675	3,690	565.5	39,375	15,436	- 731 81
January		7,459	3,559	562.4	37,923	14,609	269
February		7,005	3,883	612.3	39,768	14,699	494
March		7,639	3,965	623.7	42,565	15,411	821
April		7,734	4,370	691.2	38,772	16,354	1,426
May		7,826	4,033	638.3	41,631	15,520	-900
June	• •	7,629	3,989	614.5	41,370	15,204	-1,689
1959–60— July		8,037	4,473	660.7	40.201	46045	
August		7,842	4,309	660.7 633.9	40,381	16,317	976
September		7,911	4,535	677.6	42,681 40,610	16,259	868
October		8,064	4,474	667.1	40,865	16,989	1,638
November		7,597	4,168	659.8	39,816	16,633 16,083	973 120
December		7,811	3,855	616.8	35,424	15,619	-137
January		7,363	3,496	568.7	38,410	14,578	-137 -471
February		7,307	4,069	652.8	45,327	15,279	-471 442
March		8,042	4,669	757.7	38,299	17,456	1,463
April		7,374	3,964	646.1	35,835	15,560	-267
May		7,897	4,403	710.8	44,485	16,820	-320
June		7,752	4,425	710.3	36,443	17,588	-2,551
1960-61-		7 929	4.424	704 °	10.5		
July		7,838	4,431	701.8	40,771	16,463	1,500
August		8,243	5,087	779.1	40,004	18,509	2,092
September		8,037	4,837	778.4	41,654	18,374	2,267

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Railway. (b) Partly estimated. (c) Prepared from monthly railway returns and not strictly comparable with annual figures above, which include certain details not available on a monthly basis.

Note.—Minus sign (-) denotes loss.

#### SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 Tons Weight.

(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton measurement.) (a)

		Oversea	Cargo.			Interstate	Cargo Ship	ped from—		
Period.		Shipped from Australian Ports.	Discharged at Australian Ports.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia
Monthly Avera	ge—									
1949-50		422	641	233	37	30	198	5	32	535
1950-51		450	757	232	37	36	222	5	28	560
1951-52		374	810	280	37	45	238	11	29	640
1952-53		504	644	285	34	53	247	52	33	704
1953-54		479	711	307	39	36	287	54	35	758
1954–55		507	916	302	74	43	318	73	41	851
1955-56		555	1,036	293	99	47	350	137	43	969
1956–57		728	1,050	309	97	60	378	116	32	992
1957–58		614	1,143	324	114	56	364	148	45	1,051
1958-59		720	1,186	334	93	51	358	144	50	1,030
1959–60		843	1,288	347	114	51	364	162	38	1,076
Monthly Total— 1958–59—										
October		653	1,301	356	63	70	359	114	52	1,014
November		632	1,123	329	76	74	386	148	38	1,051
December		760	1,347	269	103	39	353	146	49	959
January		814	1,256	299	78	22	335	173	49	956
February		797	967	316	89	49	367	148	47	1,016
March		774	1,085	341	101	35	315	145	50	987
April		793	1,325	334	95	50	362	146	47	1,034
May		724	1,182	346	101	46	388	158	31	1,070
June		707	1,226	364	71	24	378	170	41	1,048
1959–60—										
July		766	1,299	433	132	52	332	110	45	1,104
August		758	1,225	328	105	59	358	165	47	1,062
September		896	1,217	357	122	49	365	161	42	1,096
October		842	1,347	385	120	75	359	160	56	1,155
November		871	1,343	347	99	61	391	190	39	1,131
December		826	1,175	372	144	49	368	161	39	1,133
January		807	1,287	254	62	25	360	154	32	887
February		908	1,095	358	118	47	354	180	40	1,097
March		995	1,276	334	108	41	380	166	32	1,061
April		872	1,403	278	120	42	389	127	23	980
May		736	1,460	332	106	63	313	185	29	1,028
June		832	1,332	383	137	43	398	185	34	1,180
1960-61										
July		878	1,481	325	123	50	367	185	29	1,079
August		890	1,386	417	98	57	308	195	35	1,110
September		1,029	1,431	342	139	70	391	147	44	1,134
October		908	1,480	347	123	76	376	158	35	1,117

<sup>(</sup>a) Figures for Tons Measurement on page 46.

<sup>(</sup>b) Includes the Northern Territory.

#### SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 Tons of 40 Cubic Feet Measurement. (Excluding all cargo shipped by ton weight.) (a)

		Oversea	Cargo.			Interstate (	Cargo Shipp	ed from—		
Period.		Shipped from Australian Ports.	Discharged at Australian Ports.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia (b)
Monthly Average-	_									
1948–49		114	214	29	20	10	15	6	18	98
1949-50		116	298	25	21	11	17	7	20	101
1950-51		108	333	27	20	10	20	6	27	110
1951-52		103	391	32	25	9	17	6	21	110
1952–53		121	161	31	22	8	17	9	19	106
1953–54		113	234	36	35	10	19	8	20	128
1954–55		118	284	34	35	10	16	8	20	123
1955–56		129	285	24	31	9	12	8	27	111
1956–57		115	229	20	32	7	8	7	33	107
1957–58		124	243	21	30	5	9	7	24	96
1958–59		122	222	18	32	4	6	5	23	88
1959–60		123	272	16	44	7	7	6	33	113
Monthly Total—										
1958-59-										
October		111	230	19	45	5	6	4	22	101
November		111	218	33	41	4	6	3	20	107
December		103	224	14	28	4	5	3	19	73
January		78	249	15	28	3	5	5	17	73
February		85	170	15	31	4	6	4	17	77
March		135	226	17	36	4	4	5	25	91
April		203	207	15	30	4	5	5	30	89
May		164	233	17	36	4	8	4	39	108
June		114	210	13	32	5	6	6	28	90
1959–60—										
July		121	229	19	46	4	8	6	32	116
August		107	271	14	36	3	9	9	25	97
September		101	219	14	33	5	7	5	23	87
October		142	261	21	52	4	10	5	35	128
November		101	270	20	51	5	7	5	33	121
December		108	264	19	46	8	3	7	27	110
January		91	238	11	40	3	2	5	22	83
February		85	348	16	48	9	3	6	30	112
March		157	289	19	53	9	4	5	41	131
April		168	238	17	40	9	11	2	37	116
May		173	298	12	46	11	3	13	43	128
June		124	339	9	46	9	12	3	52	131
1960-61										
July		127	351	10	43	11	10	2	45	121
August		109	380	12	43	18	5	6	42	126
September		103	306	15	49	15	7	6	55	147
October		113	349	12	53	20	8	7	44	145

<sup>(</sup>a) Figures for Tons Weight on page 45.

<sup>(</sup>b) Includes the Northern Territory.

#### POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

			Receipts of		t Listeners' ences.		n Viewers'		ne Services End of Period
	Period.		P.M.G.'s Department.	New Issues.	In force at End of Period.	New Issues.	In force at End of Period.	Lines.	Instruments
			£'000. Monthly Average.	'000. Monthly Average.	'000.	'000. Monthly Average.	'000.	'000.	'000.
1950-51		 	3,732	14	(b) 1,885			864	1,209
1951-52		 	4.948	22	1,961			927	1,301
1952-53		 	5,367	17	1,986			985	1,384
1953-54		 	5,650	15	2,042			1,050	1,476
1954-55		 	6,069	13	2,035			1,127	1,587
1955-56		 	6,612	13	2,089			1,207	1,704
1956–57		 	7,519	14	2,107	(c) 11	(c) 74	1,279	1,814
1957–58		 	8,065	15	2,138	19	291	1,362	1,937
1958–59		 	8,622	21	2,264	25	578	1,443	2,056
1959-60		 	10,136	13	2,283	34	955	1,514	2,164
			Monthly Total.	Monthly Total.		Monthly Total			
1958-59-									
October		 	9,299	31	2,201	26	415	1,391	1,979
November		 	7,784	22	2,195	21	433	1,398	1,989
December		 	9,714	16	2,210	18	455	1,404	1,999
January		 	7,872	13	2,210	17	468	1,410	2,006
February		 	7,823	19	2,211	19	484	1,416	2,017
March		 	8,450	27	2,235	23	506	1,422	2,026
April		 	9,700	25	2,266	25	530	1,428	2,036
May		 	8,432	17	2,257	26	555	1,436	2,047
June		 	9,768	16	2,264	24	578	1,443	2,056
1959–60—									
July		 	9,517	16	2,266	28	599	1,453	2,071
August		 	8,100	13	2,265	30	627	1,461	2,084
September		 	9,110	13	2,258	32	654	1,468	2,095
October		 	9,796	12	2,248	29	682	1,475	2,105
November		 	9,366	10	2,242	29	711	1,481	2,112
December		 	11,571	8	2,247	25	738	1,487	2,122
January		 	9,309	9	2,249	26	761	1,491	2,127
February		 	9,894	12	2,260	30	791	1,494	2,132
March		 	11,711	14	2,269	42	833	1,500	2,140
April		 	9,620	16	2,252	34	862	1,504	2,147
May		 	11,020	19	2,271	51	911	1,509	2,154
June		 	12,616	18	2,283	47	955	1,514	2,164
1960–61—			0.001	20	0.004	, -		( D 4 =	
July		 	9,931	20	2,281	46	998	(d) 1,568	(e)
August		 	11,457	17	2,292	40	1,037	(d) 1,575	(e)
September October		 	11,036 11,125	16 16	2,289 2,284	34 27	1,066 1,090	( <i>d</i> ) 1,582 ( <i>d</i> ) 1,588	(e) (e)

<sup>(</sup>a) Actual collections. (b) Excludes licences for receivers in excess of one. These licences were introduced in July, 1942, and were abolished on 31st December, 1951. (c) Licences were first issued in December, 1956, but did not come into force until 1st January, 1957. (d) Details of exchange lines are no longer available. As from July, 1960, telephone services, representing exchange lines plus duplex lines, are shown. Until the introduction of duplex services in December, 1948, statistics of exchange lines and telephone services were identical. (e) No longer available monthly.

## RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(a)

# CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS (INCLUDING NOTE ISSUE DEPARTMENT) AND RURAL CREDITS DEPARTMENT.

(£A million.)

		(	Central Banl	king Business	(including N	Note Issue I	Department)	•		Rur Cred Depa men
Period.	N	lotes on Issue		Statutory Reserve	Other	Deposits	Other Liabilities	Gold and	Government and other	
	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total.	Deposit Accounts of Trading Banks. (b)	Deposits of Trading Banks.	of Savings Banks.	(excluding Capital and Reserves).	Balances held Abroad.	Securities (including Treasury Bills).	Ad- vance
erage of Weekly Figures—										
1954–55	40.9	316.1	357.0	306.3	36.8	24	3.8	415.9	459.8	62.
1955–56	43.0	331.1	374.1	272.8	35.6		8.7	298.9	515.7	73.
1956–57	44.9	338.3	383.2	289.4	31.4	20	5.9	349.7	508.8	56
1957–58	45.7	343.9	389.6	328.3	25.6		8.4	461.7	478.6	33
1958–59	47.2	348.8	396.0	259.9	24.2		2.9	411.5	469.1	46
959–60	52.1	361.5	413.6	266.8	23.3	24	7.5	438.4	504.7	62
958–59—										
October	45.3	348.8	394.1	265.1	29.0	22	3.4	392.2	521.5	12
November	46.4	349.3	395.7	265.1	22.3		9.5	396.6	516.9	11
December(c)	54.6	360.2	414.8	265.1	22.3		8.8	405.1	525.6	12
January	52.1	349.3	401.4	265.1	28.5		5.5	407.3	497.6	29
February	47.2	345.2	392.4	253.9	25.8		9.7	407.3	432.8	72
March	45.8	349.6	395.4	250.2	21.6		3.5	402.8	410.7	98
April May	49.1 46.5	349.3 348.3	398.4 394.8	250.2 250.2	22.1		1.2	417.6	415.5	96
May June	46.8	348.7	395.5	250.2	16.2 17.8		7.6 5.5	438.8 431.6	404.9 422.8	85 74
959-60-										
July	46.4	350.3	396.7	250.2	21.8		8.3	421.2	439.6	67
August	46.5	354.1	400.6	250.2	22.8		9.8	417.2	461.9	58
September	46.4	356.6	403.0	250.2	28.7		2.8	420.4	480.3	48
October November	47.7 48.3	358.8 361.0	406.5 409.3	250.2 265.2	21.9 22.1		3.6	429.4	478.4	40
December(c)	58.6	372.0	430.6	285.1	25.9		8.3 0.6	437.3 448.6	499.1	34
January	55.4	362.4	417.8	286.5	23.6		2.7	448.6	536.5 477.3	27 52
February	54.4	360.5	414.9	300.2	13.7		3.4	454.8	456.0	78
March	53.6	362.0	415.6	308.6	12.8		3.6	452.0	461.5	94
April	56.5	371.0	427.5	312.0	8.7		3.4	450.3	468.4	88
May	57.1	365.6	422.7	309.7	10.5		0.5	465.3	462.7	80
June	56.1	366.0	422.1	304.2	21.0		7.6	453.1	488.9	73
960-61										
July	53.5	366.7	420.2	303.4	18.1	135.0	110.8	429.1	494.0	73
August	54.1	369.7	423.8	300.0	19.6	140.0	115.6	406.2	526.3	68
September	54.5	371.8	426.3	298.6	14.5	142.2	117.0	378.9	558.3	49
October	57.6	372.0	429.6	297.3	20.0	147.1	113.2	361.5	587.7	45

<sup>(</sup>a) Prior to 14th January, 1960, the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. Trading Banks. (c) Return for fourth Wednesday not available.

<sup>(</sup>b) Prior to 14th January, 1960, Special Accounts of

# COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA, and COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£ million.)

					Commonwe	ealth Tradi	ing Bank.					onwealth opment
		Dep	osits.			Commo and S	State			Loans (Other than Loans		k.(a)
		Cur	rent.		Coin, Bullion,	Gover		Loans to Authorized	Statutory Reserve	to Authorized	Adva	ances.
Period.	Fixed. (b)	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.	Notes and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securi- ties.	Other Securities.	Dealers in the Short- Term Money Market.	Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (d)	Dealers in the Short- Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Dis- counted.	Hire Pur- chase.	Other.
Average of Weekly Figures—												
1954–55	37.9	5.7	130.9	174.5	10.5	12.3	38.2		36.1	89.1	17.0	11.5
1955–56	41.1	5.2	135.6	181.9	10.2	6.3	38.6		33.2	103.9	16.6	14.1
1956–57	40.6	3.8	140.1	184.5	10.0	4.1	35.7		34.6	106.5	16.5	14.5
1957–58	49.2	5.7	150.2 159.1	205.1 226.8	10.8	5.5	46.5 56.7	• •	40.2 36.5	107.8	16.0	14.9
1958–59 1959–60	60.3	7.4 10.9	181.0	254.4	11.7	3.0	60.1	2.5	41.4	122.5 133.7	17.4 17.8	15.1 12.8
1958–59—												
October	60.9	7.2	159.1	227.2	11.0	5.9	58.6		37.1	121.2	17.1	14.9
November	60.7	7.2	164.1	232.0	11.8	7.1	60.3		38.1	122.3	17.7	15.0
December(e)	59.3	7.1	166.3	232.7	11.9	3.8	60.6		38.2	124.0	18.4	14.9
January	59.5	7.3	154.4	221.2	12.2	2.5	50.2		38.4	125.6	18.2	14.9
February	60.3	7.2	158.0	225.5	12.5	2.6	54.6		36.3	123.9	17.9	14.9
March	60.9	7.2	162.0	230.1	10.8	2.5	61.5	4.5	34.1	121.3	17.5	15.0
April	60.5	7.4	163.6 165.4	231.5 233.3	11.5 9.1	1.2	61.3	3.5 5.7	34.3	112.9	17.5	15.1
May June	60.4 65.1	7.5 8.1	160.2	233.3	10.8	1.8	60.9	3.7	34.7 35.2	125.3 125.1	17.4 17.4	15.7 15.6
June 1959–60—	05.1	0.1	100.2	233.4	10.0	1.0	00.5	3.1	33.2	123.1	17.4	13.0
July	64.9	8.3	161.7	234.9	11.5	2.6	60.1	1.0	36.1	130.7	17.4	15.7
August	64.3	8.5	165.4	238.2	10.4	4.3	60.5	3.1	36.1	130.5	17.4	16.0
September	65.4	8.2	169.2	242.8	13.1	4.0	64.3	2.8	36.6	129.1	17.4	16.1
October	66.0	8.2	170.8	245.0	12.8	4.1	66.3	1.8	36.9	130.7	17.6	16.3
November	65.9	8.6	179.0	253.5	11.3	4.9	66.4	2.5	39.1	131.6	18.1	16.4
December(e)	58.4	9.0	189.1	256.5	15.9	3.2	60.3	1.6	41.7	135.8	18.4	16.5
January	57.5	10.9	182.4	250.8	13.5	3.8	54.3	1.3	42.3	135.9	18.3	16.1
February	57.3	13.4	190.4 195.0	261.1 266.3	11.0 10.5	3.0	56.3 59.1	1.8	43.5	134.8	17.9	16.2
March	57.8 63.3	13.5 13.8	193.0	267.7	10.5	1.2	59.5	3.8	45.3	134.2 135.0	17.7 17.8	15.8 15.6
3.6	63.1	13.5	189.5	266.1	9.9	1.0	58.8	3.0	46.4	137.5	18.0	15.6
May June	65.7	14.2	191.2	271.1	10.4	1.9	56.5	4.4	46.6	137.3	18.1	15.4
1960–61—	00.7								.0.0	100.1	10.1	13.7
July	67.5	13.9	186.7	268.1	9.5	1.3	56.8	1.9	47.2	147.3	18.3	15.2
August	67.5	14.3	187.8	269.6	10.1	2.0	54.8	4.2	47.0	147.3	18.7	15.5
September	67.3	14.1	188.9	270.3	9.5	1.0	53.2	4.6	47.1	148.1	19.1	15.9
October	66.6	13.8	190.7	271.1	10.2	1.8	53.2	1.9	47.3	149.8	19.4	16.3

<sup>(</sup>a) Prior to 14th January, 1960, Industrial Finance and Mortgage Bank Departments of Commonwealth Bank of Australia. (b) Prior to February, 1960, fixed deposits—Australian Governments were included in current deposits bearing interest. (c) See note (b). (d) Prior to 14th January, 1960 Special Account with Commonwealth Bank. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

#### PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

#### LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

		_	Dep	osits.			State Go	wealth and vernments			Loans
			Cur	rent.		Coin, Bullion, Notes	Secu	rities.	Loans to Authorized	Statutory Reserve	Other than Loans to Authorized
Period.		Fixed. (b)	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.	and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Other Securities.	Dealers in the Short- Term	Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (d)	Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.
Average of Wee Figures—	kly										
1936–37		1	84.7	112.9	297.6	34.2	24.5	(e) 15.0			262.5
1937–38			94.8	120.0	314.8	37.1		(e) 21.4			274.4
1938–39		1	98.8	118.9	317.7	33.6		(e) 20.5			288.1
1054 55											
1954–55		211.7	51.3	1,047.7	1,310.7	66.9	51.6	120.2		269.1	776.8
1955–56		210.8	52.3	1,032.3	1,295.4	66.9	50.0	113.1		238.8	804.4
1956–57		234.5	65.0	1,028.5	1,328.0	63.7	51.2	151.3		254.1	762.6
1958–59		261.5 274.6	83.9 93.9	1,045.9	1,391.3	59.8	39.0	176.2		287.4	774.3
1959–60		281.2	100.3	1,067.6	1,376.3 1,453.1	58.3 57.7	38.3 24.4	193.5 236.9	21.8	222.8	807.0
		201.2	100.5	1,007.0	1,433.1	37.7	24.4	230.9	21.8	238.8	818.3
1958–59—		271 2	04.7	006.0	1 252 5	60.5	20. 7				
October November		271.2 274.6	94.7	986.8	1,352.7	60.5	30.7	155.2		227.5	830.9
December( <i>f</i> )		276.2	92.7 91.7	1,004.9	1,372.2	57.6	38.9	173.4		226.5	824.6
January		277.5	94.5	1,023.3	1,393.4 1,402.0	64.8 66.3	40.9 57.9	191.3		226.3	808.2
February		278.9	92.8	1,048.2	1,402.0	58.4	73.3	212.9 238.0		226.2	794.8
March		279.3	92.3	1,060.0	1,431.6	54.8	80.7	242.8	13.7	217.0 215.5	775.3
April		277.9	96.7	1,041.7	1,416.3	57.1	46.6	239.0	21.0	215.3	764.3 782.2
May		277.2	92.3	1,009.6	1,379.1	49.3	17.5	229.0	23.1	214.9	790.1
June 1959–60—		277.9	92.8	1,008.3	1,379.0	52.5	15.8	218.1	21.2	214.4	791.1
July		277.9	100.8	997.2	1,375.9	54.2	18.1	211.6	21.9	213.4	805.4
August		279.8	105.5	990.1	1,375.4	53.8	24.6	215.2	20.8	213.4	803.4
September		282.6	105.4	1,016.2	1,404.2	58.0	27.0	228.5	23.0	213.4	800.6
October		286.3	105.5	1,039.9	1,431.7	54.8	30.0	244.5	26.6	212.6	814.6
November		287.6	104.0	1,065.6	1,457.2	55.2	25.0	249.8	24.5	225.5	817.2
December(f)		282.6	103.9	1,097.7	1,484.2	67.7	19.5	249.4	24.1	242.9	806.3
January		281.9	97.8	1,105.0	1,484.7	65.0	40.5	262.6	27.4	243.6	798.4
February		301.3		1,121.5		55.8	34.6	279.5	25.0	256.1	795.4
March		302.3		1,129.4	1,517.5	55.3	35.4	277.6	21.9	262.7	800.4
April	• •	301.4	81.3	1,110.0	1,492.7	54.6	16.2	243.5	14.8	265.0	837.8
May June		300.0 296.4	90.0	1,078.4	1,463.0	58.1	11.4	205.6	17.0	262.3	863.0
1960-61-	• •			1,073.6	1,460.0	61.0	11.9	185.8	15.2	257.1	875.4
July		295.4	96.2	1,046.5	1,438.1	60.1	12.1	178.1	12.0	255.6	913.0
August		298.0	97.6	1,036.9	1,432.5	61.1	12.1	176.1	12.2	252.4	918.8
September		298.7	90.2	1,037.3	1,426.2	56.5	8.9	173.9	11.8	250.9	929.5
October		297.3	94.3	1,056.7	1,448.3	62.6	11.0	170.9	11.6	249.5	942.4

<sup>(</sup>a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. Now includes Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., The Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., The English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., The National Bank of Australia Ltd., The Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in vol. liq.) and from March, 1955, The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays.

(b) See note (b), page 49. (c) See note (c), page 49. (d) See note (d), page 49. (e) Includes Mnnicipal Securities. (f) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

### PRIVATE TRADING BANKS(a)—continued.

#### RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

		Percenta	ges of Various	Categories of A	ssets to Total I	Deposits.	
Period.		Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities + other Commonwealth and State Government Securities.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank.	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.	Percentage Non-interes bearing to Total Deposits.
Average of Weekl	y Figures—						
1936–37		11.5	19.7	(b) 24.8		88.2	37.9
1937–38		11.8	18.4	(b) 25.2		87.1	38.1
1938–39	• • • • • • •	10.6	17.4	(b) 23.8		90.7	37.4
1954–55		5.1	9.0	18.2	20.5	59.3	79.9
1955–56	• • • • • •	5.2	9.0 8.6	17.7 20.0	18.4 19.1	62.1 57.4	79.7 77.5
1956–57	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	4.8	7.1	19.8	20.7	55.7	75.2
1957–58 1958–59		4.3	7.1	21.1	16.2	58.6	73.2
1959–60		4.0	5.7	22.0	16.4	56.3	73.5
1958–59—							
October		4.5	6.8	18.2	16.8	61.4	73.0
November		4.2	7.0	19.7	16.5	60.1	73.2
December(c)		4.6	7.6	21.3	16.2	58.0	73.6
January		4.7	8.8 9.2	24.0 26.0	16.1 15.3	56.7	73.5
February		4.1 3.8	9.2	26.0	15.3	54.6 53.4	73.8 74.1
March April		4.0	7.3	24.2	15.2	55.2	73.6
May		2 6	4.8	21.4	15.6	57.3	73.2
June		2 0	5.0	20.8	15.5	57.6	73.1
1959–60—							
July			5.3	20.7	15.5	58.5	72.5
August			5.7	21.4 22.3	15.5	58.4	72.0
September		2 0	6.0 5.9	23.0	15.2 14.9	57.0 56.9	72.4
October November		2 0	5.5	22.6	15.5	56.1	72.6 73.1
December(c)		16	5.9	22.7	16.4	54.3	74.0
January		4.4	7.1	24.8	16.4	53.8	74.4
February		2 7	6.0	24.6	17.0	52.9	74.5
March		2 6	6.0	24.3	17.3	52.8	74.4
April		3.7	4.7	21.1	17.8	56.1	74.4
May		4.0	4.8	18.8	17.9	59.0	73.7
June		4.2	5.0	17.7	17.6	60.0	73.5
1960–61—		4.2	5.0	17.4	17.0	62.5	72.0
July		4 2	5.0	17.4 17.4	17.8	63.5	72.8 72.4
August		4.0	5.1 4.6	16.8	17.6 17.6	64.1 65.2	
September		1 2	5.1	16.8	17.6	65.2	72.7 73.0
October		4.3	5.1	10.9	17.2	05.1	73.0

<sup>(</sup>a) See footnote (a) on previous page. (b) Includes Municipal securities. (c) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols .., —, see page 1.

# COMMONWEALTH AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a) (Major Trading Banks.)

#### LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

		Deg	posits.				wealth and			T
		Cur	rrent.		Coin,	Secu	rities.	Loans	Statutory	Loans (Other than Loans to
Period.	Fixed. (b)			Total.	Bullion, and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Other Securities.	Authorized Dealers in the Short- Term Money Market.	Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (d)	Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.
Average of Weekly										
Figures—  1954–55	249.5 251.9 275.1 310.7 334.9 343.8	57.0 57.5 68.8 89.6 101.3 115.2	1,178.6 1,167.9 1,168.7 1,196.1 1,166.9 1,248.6	1,485.1 1,477.3 1,512.6 1,596.4 1,603.1 1,707.6	77.4 77.1 73.6 70.6 69.5 69.5	63.9 56.3 55.2 44.5 42.4 27.5	158.4 151.7 187.0 222.7 250.2 297.1		305.2 272.0 288.7 327.6 259.3 280.2	865.9 908.3 869.1 882.1 929.5 952.0
1958–59— October November December(e) January February March April May June	332.1 335.2 335.5 337.0 339.2 340.3 338.4 337.5 343.0	101.9 100.0 98.7 101.8 100.0 99.4 104.1 99.9 100.9	1,145.9 1,169.0 1,191.8 1,184.4 1,206.1 1,222.0 1,205.3 1,175.0 1,168.5	1,579.9 1,604.2 1,626.0 1,623.2 1,645.3 1,661.7 1,647.8 1,612.4 1,612.4	71.5 69.4 76.6 78.6 70.9 65.6 68.6 58.4 63.3	36.6 46.0 44.7 60.4 75.9 83.2 47.8 19.8 17.5	213.8 233.7 251.9 263.1 292.6 304.3 300.3 289.9 279.0	18.2 24.5 28.8 24.3	264.6 264.6 264.6 253.3 249.6 249.6 249.6	952.1 946.9 932.2 920.4 899.2 885.6 905.1 915.4 916.3
July August September October November December(e) January February March April May June	342.8 344.0 348.0 352.3 353.6 341.0 339.4 358.6 360.1 364.7 363.1 362.0	109.1 114.1 113.5 113.8 112.5 112.9 108.7 95.6 99.3 95.1 98.1 104.2	1,158.9 1,155.5 1,185.4 1,210.6 1,244.6 1,286.9 1,287.4 1,311.9 1,324.4 1,300.6 1,267.9 1,264.9	1,610.8 1,613.6 1,646.9 1,676.7 1,710.7 1,740.8 1,735.5 1,766.1 1,783.8 1,760.4 1,729.1 1,731.1	65.8 64.2 71.1 67.5 66.5 83.6 78.5 66.8 65.7 65.2 68.0 71.4	20.7 28.9 31.0 34.1 29.9 22.7 44.3 37.6 38.2 17.4 12.4 13.8	271.7 275.7 292.8 310.9 316.2 309.7 316.8 335.8 336.7 303.0 264.4 242.2	22.9 23.9 25.8 28.4 27.0 25.7 28.7 26.8 25.2 18.6 20.2 19.5	249.5 249.5 249.5 249.5 264.6 284.6 285.9 299.6 308.0 311.4 309.1 303.7	936.1 933.6 929.6 945.2 948.7 942.1 934.3 930.2 934.6 972.8 1,000.5 1,015.0
1960–61— July August September October	362.9 365.5 365.9 363.8	110.0 111.9 104.4 108.2	1,233.1 1,224.7 1,226.2 1,247.5	1,706.0 1,702.1 1,696.5 1,719.5	69.7 71.2 66.1 72.8	13.4 14.1 9.9 12.8	234.9 230.9 227.2 224.1	14.0 16.3 16.4 13.5	302.9 299.4 298.0 296.8	1,060.3 1,066.1 1,077.5 1,092.1

<sup>(</sup>a) See footnote (a), page 50.

<sup>(</sup>b) See footnote (b), page 49.

<sup>(</sup>c) See footnote (c), page 49.

<sup>(</sup>d) See footnote (d), page 49.

<sup>(</sup>e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

## COMMONWEALTH AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

### (Major Trading Banks.)

# RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

		Percenta	ges of Various	Categories of A	ssets to Total l	Deposits.	
Period.		Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities + other Commonwealth and State Government Securities.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank.	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.	Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
Average of Weekl	y Figures—						
1954–55		5.2	9.5	20.2	20.5	58.3	79.4
1955-56		5.2	9.0	19.3	18.4	61.5	79.1
1956-57		4.9	8.5	20.9	19.1	57.5	77.3
1957–58		4.4	7.2	21.2	20.5	55.3	74.9
1958–59		4.3	7.0	22.6	16.2	58.0	72.8
1959–60		4.1	5.7	23.1	16.4	55.8	73.1
1958–59—		4.5	6.0	20.4	16.7	60.3	72.5
October	• •	4.5	6.8 7.2	21.8	16.7	59.0	72.9
November	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	4.3	7.2	23.0	16.3	57.3	73.3
, ,		4.7	8.6	24.8	16.3	56.7	73.0
January	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	4.3	8.9	26.7	15.4	54.7	73.3
February March	• • •	4.0	9.0	27.3	15.0	53.3	73.5
April		4.2	7.1	25.3	15.1	54.9	73.1
May	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	3.6	4.8	22.8	15.5	56.8	72.9
June		3.9	5.0	22.3	15.5	56.8	72.5
1959–60—							
July		4.1	5.4	22.3	15.5	58.1	72.0
August		4.0	5.8	22.9	15.5	57.9	71.6
September		4.3	6.2	24.0	15.2	56.5	72.0
October		4.0	6.0	24.6 24.1	14.9 15.5	56.4 55.5	72.2 72.8
November	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	3.9	5.6	23.9	16.3	54.1	73.9
. ,	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	4.8	6.1 7.0	25.3	16.5	53.8	74.2
January	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	4.5	5.9	24.9	17.0	52.7	74.2
February		3.6	5.8	24.7	17.3	52.4	74.2
March	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	3.7	4.7	21.9	17.7	55.3	73.9
April		3.9	4.6	19.9	17.9	57.9	73.3
May		4.1	4.9	18.9	17.5	58.6	73.1
June		7.1	7.7	10.7			
1960–61—		4.1	4.9	18.6	17.8	62.2	72.3
July	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	4.2	5.0	18.6	17.6	62.6	72.0
August September	• • • • • •	3.9	4.5	17.9	17.6	63.5	72.3
October		4.2	5.0	18.0	17.3	63.5	72.6
OCTOBEL	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	1.2					

<sup>(</sup>a) See footnote (a), page 50.

<sup>(</sup>b) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

#### ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(a)

#### LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

									1	1	
			Der	posits.			State Go	wealth and vernments rities.			Loans
			Cui	rrent.		Coin, Bullion,		irities.	Loans	Statutory Reserve	(Other than Loans to Authorized
Period.		Fixed. (b)	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.	Notes and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Other Securities.	Authorized Dealers in the Short- Term Money		Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.
Average of We Figures—	ekly										
1954–55		254.3 257.1 281.4 318.6 345.1 354.1	68.3 68.6 79.5 102.0 115.8 132.8	1,220.0 1,207.7 1,209.9 1,238.1 1,207.0 1,293.5	1,542.6 1,533.4 1,570.8 1,658.7 1,667.9 1,780.4	82.0 81.1 77.5 74.4 73.2 72.4	69.5 60.5 59.1 48.7 43.3 28.3	171.7 165.5 202.1 237.2 264.6 314.0		306.3 272.8 289.4 328.3 259.9 280.8	938.1 984.1 946.8 963.3 1,015.3 1,040.6
1958–59— October November December(e) January February March April May June		342.3 345.9 346.2 347.3 349.5 350.7 348.8 348.0 353.5	116.6 114.3 112.7 115.8 113.9 113.3 118.5 114.2 115.5	1,182.3 1,206.5 1,229.8 1,224.5 1,250.5 1,267.3 1,250.2 1,219.2 1,211.8	1,641.2 1,666.7 1,688.7 1,687.6 1,713.9 1,731.3 1,717.5 1,681.4 1,680.8	75.3 73.3 81.1 82.9 75.1 69.5 71.8 61.0 66.0	37.1 46.5 45.2 61.2 78.5 85.0 48.7 20.3 18.0	227.2 247.2 265.2 277.2 307.9 319.9 316.0 305.5 294.6	21.0 28.1 33.2 28.3	265.2 265.2 265.2 265.2 253.9 250.2 250.2 250.2 250.2	1,037.0 1,032.9 1,018.8 1,007.0 984.9 971.6 991.5 1,002.3 1,003.5
July August September October November December(e) January February March April May June		352.4 353.7 357.8 362.3 363.9 351.5 349.9 369.0 370.7 375.6 374.0 372.7		1,202.0 1,197.0 1,226.7 1,252.2 1,287.5 1,330.8 1,335.0 1,360.8 1,373.0 1,348.4 1,313.9 1,310.6	1,681.3 1,683.4 1,716.7 1,746.3 1,781.7 1,812.4 1,810.2 1,842.0 1,860.1 1,836.5 1,803.7 1,805.6	69.3 67.0 74.1 70.6 69.3 86.6 82.1 69.7 68.5 68.0 70.5 74.2	21.3 29.4 31.5 34.5 30.9 23.3 45.1 39.2 39.9 18.8 13.3 14.2	287.4 291.3 308.4 326.3 331.6 325.2 335.1 355.8 356.2 321.6 282.0 258.8	29.1 29.9 31.8 34.3 32.9 31.2 34.6 32.8 31.4 25.8 28.3 27.2	250.2 250.2 250.2 250.2 265.2 285.1 286.5 300.2 309.6 312.0 309.7	1,023.3 1,019.9 1,016.9 1,033.1 1,036.5 1,030.6 1,022.9 1,019.5 1,023.9 1,062.7 1,090.4 1,105.5
1960-61— July August September October		373.6 377.5 379.0 376.9	131.7 134.3 125.3 128.6	1,278.2 1,268.4 1,270.1 1,292.8	1,783.5 1,780.2 1,774.4 1,798.3	72.6 73.7 68.8 75.6	13.9 14.6 10.3 13.0	251.1 247.9 244.8 241.8	23.8 23.8 24.3 21.9	303.4 300.0 298.6 297.3	1,150.4 1,156.4 1,169.0 1,184.8

<sup>(</sup>a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945–1953 and Banking Act 1959. Includes Commonwealth Trading Bank, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia. and the Rural Department of the Rural Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See note (b), page 49. (c) See note (c), page 49. (d) See note (d), page 49. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

#### ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

#### DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.) (£ million.)

Period.		New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
	Weekly									
<b>Figures</b> — 1954–55		187.5	176.2	53.9	36.3	26.2	10.7	0.5	0.0	402 1
1955–56		200.9	185.4	56.0	39.6	26.2	11.6	0.5 0.6	0.8 1.0	492.1 522.0
1956–57		219.4	195.5	62.7	42.7	28.6	12.6	0.6	1.0	563.3
1957–58		230.4	207.1	65.6	44.3	30.2	12.9	0.7	1.5	592.7
1958-59		248.9	224.7	70.3	46.2	30.7	13.8	0.8	2.0	637.4
1959–60		296.3	264.6	79.1	53.4	34.9	15.5	0.9	2.7	747.4
1958–59—										
October		252.3	224.4	72.5	45.1	30.4	13.3	0.8	1.8	640.6
November		254.3	225.6	73.1	45.9	29.7	14.0	0.8	1.8	645.2
December		274.5	253.4	77.0	51.2	33.1	15.5	1.0	2.0	707.7
January		205.7	176.8	58.8	39.1	31.9	10.4	0.8	1.7	525.2
February		254.3	244.6	69.6	50.6	37.2	13.9	0.7	2.0	672.9
March		259.1	235.0	70.2	49.9	33.5	14.2	0.8	1.8	664.5
April		250.1	223.0	70.2	48.1	30.1	15.3	0.8	2.2	639.8
May		263.5	247.1	70.3	49.0	30.9	15.6	0.8	1.9	679.1
June		269.6	240.1	73.3	47.3	29.2	14.6	0.8	2.7	677.6
1959–60—		275.2	251 2	77.0						
July		275.3	251.2	77.9	50.5	31.6	15.5	1.0	2.5	705.5
August		254.5	228.6	72.1	45.9	29.5	13.8	0.8	2.4	647.6
September October	• •	283.1 290.5	247.6 262.7	79.7 79.7	51.3 51.9	33.5 34.3	14.7	0.9	2.3	713.1
November	• •	295.2	265.1	79.7	53.3	34.3	14.1 15.2	1.0	2.3	736.5
December		312.5	297.9	86.5	58.8	38.2	17.6	1.0 1.0	2.4 3.0	746.8 815.5
January	• •	259.3	227.4	72.1	46.3	38.0	12.8	0.9	1.9	658.7
February		294.1	260.8	75.9	54.6	36.2	14.5	0.8	2.4	739.3
March		319.4	273.1	79.7	55.3	36.9	15.8	0.9	2.7	783.8
April		302.3	266.2	78.4	54.9	32.5	16.2	0.9	2.9	754.3
May		328.0	291.7	81.9	58.7	36.8	17.2	1.0	4.5	819.8
June		331.2	292.5	83.6	57.3	35.7	17.3	1.0	2.8	821.4
1960–61—										
July		342.5	286.0	89.8	58.8	36.0	17.3	1.1	3.5	835.0
August		313.7	297.4	82.1	55.5	37.5	15.1	1.0	3.2	805.5
September		328.9	271.4	85.4	55.6	36.2	15.4	1.1	3.4	797.4
October		333.6	293.9	87.2	59.5	36.7	16.5	1.1	3.1	831.6

<sup>(</sup>a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945–1953 and Banking Act 1959. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. Includes in addition to the banks included in series on page 54, the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank and the Commonwealth Development Bank (prior to 14th January, 1960 the Industrial Finance and Mortgage Bank Departments of the Commonwealth Bank).

#### SAVINGS BANKS: DEPOSITORS' BALANCES.

(£ million.)

					1			1	1
At end of—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
June 1957	422.2	411.6	144.6	142.4	62.7	38.7	1.9	3.3	1,227.4
,, 1958	449.0	433.6	153.2	148.9	66.0	40.2	2.1	3.8	1,296.8
,, 1959	488.3	458.4	166.7	157.1	71.5	42.5	2.2	4.6	1,391.3
,, 1960	541.6	499.6	182.6	166.0	78.6	46.4	2.5	5.4	1,522.7
1959–60—									
October	510.7	478.1	175.8	161.9	75.4	44.3	2.5	4.9	1,453.6
November	513.6	480.6	176.3	162.9	75.7	44.6	2.5	5.0	1,461.2
December	514.9	480.4	175.7	162.2	75.3	44.5	2.5	5.0	1,460.5
January	517.2	480.7	175.2	162.6	75.4	44.7	2.4	5.0	1,463.2
February	521.1	485.0	175.9	163.1	76.1	45.1	2.4	5.1	1,473.8
March	523.5	485.8	176.0	163.0	76.1	45.4	2.4	5.1	1,477.3
April	525.7	486.4	176.2	162.5	76.2	45.7	2.4	5.3	1,480.4
May	530.2	489.5	177.6	161.8	76.8	46.0	2.5	5.3	1,489.7
June	541.6	499.6	182.6	166.0	78.6	46.4	2.5	5.4	a 1,522.7
1960-61-									
July	547.8	503.7	184.4	166.5	79.0	46.8	2.7	5.6	1,536.5
August	554.0	507.9	186.6	166.3	80.0	47.7	2.8	5.6	1,550.9
September	558.8	512.2	188.3	166.1	81.0	48.0	2.9	5.7	1,563.1
October	565.5	518.9	190.9	166.6	81.8	48.2	2.9	6.0	1,580.8

(a) Interest added 1959-60, £40.2 m. The major part of this interest was added in June.

## SAVINGS BANKS: SELECTED ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£ million.)

				Australia Secur	an Public rities.		Loans, Adva Bills Di	ances and scounted.
At end of—	Coin, Bullion and Australian Notes.	Deposits with Reserve Bank.	Deposits with Trading Banks.	Common- wealth and States (Including Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities).	Local and Semi- Govern- mental Authorities.	Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market.	Housing.	Other.
June 1957 ,, 1958	2.8 2.8	98.6 104.6	54.8 54.6	706.1 719.4	199.2 224.5		202 228	. 1
,, 1959 ,, 1960	3.3	122.0 133.3	53.7 54.9	740.1 793.8	248.9 285.3	1.7	261 277.3	23.5
1959–60— October November December	3.0 2.9 3.6	140.6 141.4 136.6	57.4 51.5 48.7	767.9 777.5 777.3	264.0 266.9 269.9		271 274 279	. 5
January February March April May June	2.8 3.4 2.6 3.1 3.3 2.9	130.0 128.6 128.8 129.1 132.3 133.3	58.0 58.9 55.8 56.7 54.5 54.9	783.9 791.0 794.2 794.4 795.5 793.8	271.7 275.1 278.7 280.7 282.6 285.3	3.7 3.0 2.0 4.4 3.9 1.7	257.8 260.8 264.7 267.6 271.1 277.3	22.8 23.0 23.4 23.5 23.9 23.5
1960–61— July August September October	3.2 2.6 3.0 2.8	131.7 138.7 139.1 147.5	55.2 54.7 55.6 55.1	799.7 802.0 805.7 814.5	287.4 291.0 294.6 297.7	7.6 6.2 9.1 10.8	280.3 284.8 287.7 290.0	24.1 24.1 24.8 25.1

(a) Includes Assets in Papua, New Guinea and Norfolk Island.

For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

#### LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

		New Polici	es issued.(b)	)	Premi	ums.( <i>c</i> )	Claims, et	c., Paid.( <i>d</i> )	
Period.	Ordinary D	epartment.	Industrial l	Department	Ordinary	Industrial	Ordinary	Industrial	New Loans Granted.
	Number.	Sum Assured.	Number.	Sum Assured.	Depart- ment.	Depart- ment.	Depart- ment.	Depart- ment.	(e)
25 413 4		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Monthly Average—	12 200	4 120	26 140	1 (04	1.045	474	747	222	
1937		4,120	36,148	1,684	1,045	474	747	223	n.a.
1938		3,867 3,886	32,757	1,530	1,075	617	781	246	n.a.
1939			32,125	1,545	1,144	541	835	303	n.a.
1951–52		18,464	23,216	2,817	3,651	1,102	1,441	546	3,963
1952–53		18,828	22,853	2,946	4,186	1,147	1,576	619	3,011
1953–54		21,177	19,964	2,714	4,679	1,172	1,763	670	2,872
1954–55		24,365	18,415	2,734	5,175	1,218	1,983	738	4,319
1955–56		27,893	17,551	2,721	5,785	1,228	2,263	793	4,744
1956–57		32,683	17,526	2,761	6,454	1,248	2,470	841	4,992
1957–58		37,562	17,414	2,819	7,289	1,273	2,797	912	4,948
1958–59	22 504	43,430	16,001	2,683	8,006	1,268	3,062	864	6,103
1959–60	33,584	57,603	15,806	2,798	8,888	1,286	3,417	936	6,224
Monthly Total—									
1958–59—									
0 1	33,880	52,418	24,392	3,942	8,173	1,374	3,207	866	6,577
September October	25.272	40,393	15,395	2,567	7,465	1,303	2,924	833	7,093
November	24.070	38,410	16,155	2,744	6,880	1,573	2,808	846	6,033
December	20 540	76,987	11,463	2,243	8,582	1,276	3,447	767	8,036
January	16101	25,976	4,234	646	6,524	754	2,312	613	3,876
February	10.073	29,761	14,390	2,323	6,857	1,238	2,896	844	4,495
March	04 415	36,387	16,788	2,802	7,958	1,321	2,928	911	6,389
April	06.707	40,925	16,633	2,746	8,616	1,287	3,062	861	6,680
May	20 651	44,285	16,886	2,842	8,485	1,177	3,129	928	7,304
June	30,920	50,374	19,215	3,351	10,466	1,363	3,552	939	5,875
1959–60—									
July	30,925	55,049	16,544	2,782	9,398	1,325	3,512	1,100	6,396
August	21 014	51,565	19,612	3,364	8,101	1,326	3,332	1,034	5,525
September	41 020	64,137	19,720	3,306	9,113	1,276	3,972	1,003	6,984
October	20 407	50,266	15,738	2,739	8,096	1,355	3,490	888	5,865
November	21 211	55,527	15,476	2,665	7,173	1,364	2,980	880	6,659
December	26 552	105,451	14,046	2,772	9,678	1,626	3,719	694	7,554
January	21 320	30,404	3,395	570	7,097	536	2,534	608	3,860
February	20.050	44,688	17,941	3,104	7,641	1,274	3,027	897	5,019
March	20 414	54,314	17,803	3,113	9,384	1,427	3,950	961	6,603
April	21 002	49,651	13,838	2,544	8,401	1,204	3,045	987	5,796
May	10 (57	63,454	17,733	3,280	10,057	1,321	3,585	1,120	6,671
June	10 755	66,766	17,826	3,332	12,529	1,395	3,854	1,055	7,760
1960-61-									
July	42,891	71,024	14,516	2,854	10,115	1,221	3,829	1,098	7,256
August	12 0 1 1	66,209	22,325	5,014	9,880	1,432	4,097	1,193	7,586
September	=0.000	93,627	18,429	4,153	9,484	1,315	3,953	1,151	9,154

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947–48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns. (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

#### EXCHANGE RATES, GOLD PRICES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

Period.		Exc	change Rates	s.(a)	Gold F	Prices.(a)	Commonwe ment Secu at Current wealth	Private First Mortgages Registered	
		Australia on London.(b)	London on New York. (b)	Australia on New York.	Australia.	London.	Short Dated 2 years.(d)	Long Dated 12 years.(d)	
1936–37		£A. per £100 Stg. 125.25 125.25 125.25	\$ per £Stg. 4.939 4.980 4.738	\$ per £A. 3.929 3.961 3.759	£A. per fine oz. 8.781 8.690 9.137	£Stg. per fine oz. 7.041 7.001 7.340	(f) 3.57 (f) 3.30	Per cent. (g) 3.94 (g) 3.71 (g) 3.84	Per cent. (e) (h)5.3 (h)5.3 (i)5.4
1953–54		125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25	2.813 2.797 2.795 2.789 2.805 2.809 2.805	2.238 2.226 2.228 2.220 2.232 2.235 2.233	15.514 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625	12.411 12.536 12.496 12.532 12.491 12.496 12.511	3.10 3.49 4.39 4.71 4.38 4.16 4.02	4.44 4.50 4.76 5.06 4.99 4.94 4.92	4.9 5.2 5.8 6.5 7.0 7.0 7.6
1958–59— October November December January February March April May June June		125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25	2.807 2.806 2.804 2.807 2.810 2.813 2.817 2.815 2.813	2.234 2.233 2.232 2.233 2.236 2.238 2.242 2.240 2.239	15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625	12.507 12.510 12.515 12.495 12.479 12.465 12.456 12.476 12.485	4.25 4.24 4.23 4.18 4.15 4.00 4.01 4.01 4.00	4.98 4.96 4.93 4.96 4.95 4.89 4.92 4.95 4.89	7.0 7.0 7.0 7.0 7.0 7.1 7.1 7.1 7.1
July August September October November December January February March April May June		125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25	2.812 2.810 2.804 2.807 2.803 2.799 2.800 2.804 2.806 2.810 2.806 2.805	2.238 2.236 2.232 2.234 2.231 2.227 2.228 2.231 2.233 2.236 2.233 2.234	15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625	12.492 12.497 12.527 12.507 12.509 12.524 12.531 12.518 12.506 12.497 12.508 12.520	3.91 3.88 3.93 3.94 3.95 3.99 4.02 4.14 4.17 4.20	4.91 4.89 4.90 4.90 4.89 4.93 4.92 4.92 4.94 4.93 4.94 4.95	7.1 7.2 7.2 7.3 7.4 7.6 7.6 7.6 7.7 7.8 7.9 8.0
1960–61— July August September October		125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25	2.808 2.810 2.813 2.812	2.235 2.237 2.239 2.238	15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625	12.500 12.502 12.523 12.728	4.33 4.33 4.30 4.31	4.97 4.96 4.97 4.97	8.0 8.1 8.0 8.0

<sup>(</sup>a) Average of daily quotations. (b) Average of buying and selling rates for telegraphic transfers. (c) Selling rate. Direct quotation. (d) Rates for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0–5 and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (e) Weighted average twelve months. (f) Under 5 years taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (g) Ten years and over taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (h) Urban securities only. (i) Rural and urban securities. (f) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.

#### INTEREST RATES.

(Per Cent. per Annum.)

	Trading Banks—								
Date of Change in Rate.	Fixed Deposits—				Overdrafts (Maximum Rate).		wealth Savings Bank	Treasury Bills	Common- wealth
Date of Change in Rate.	3 months.	6 months.	12months.	24months.	Common- wealth Trading Bank.(a)	Private Trading Banks.	Deposits (Maxi- mum Rate)	(Discount Rate).	Loans (Long Term).
1941—22nd Sept	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	4.25	(c)	2.00	1.50	3.250
1942—14th March	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.50	3.250
1943—1st May	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.25	3.250
1944—17th January	1.00	1.25	1.50	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.25	3.250
11th August	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.25	3.250
1945—1st March	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.250
1st December	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d)1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.250
1946—20th November	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d)1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.125
1947—1st January	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	1.00	3.125
1949—1st May	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	3.125
1951—21st August	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	3.750
1952—29th July	1.00	1.25	1.50	(e)1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.750
25thNovember	1.00	1.25	1.50	(e)1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	4.500
1955—1st January	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.500
1956—15th March	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.500
1st April	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(f)6.00	(f)6.00	2.75	1.00	4.500
10th May	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(f)6.00	(f)6.00	2.75	1.00	5.000
4th December	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(f)6.00	(f)6.00	2.75	1.00	5.000
1958—1st November	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(f)6.00	(f)6.00	3.00	1.00	5.000

<sup>(</sup>a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Seasonal Securities which were first issued in November 1959 carry a discount rate of approximately 3 per cent. per annum. (c) Rates for Private Trading Banks not published, but predominant rates between 1936 and 1940 were 5.25 per cent. to 5.50 per cent. On 1st July, 1940, rates in excess of 5.25 per cent. were reduced by 0.25 per cent. and on 1st January, 1942, there was a further reduction of 0.125 per cent. (d) 1 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (e) 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000.

# COMMONWEALTH AND STATES: SHORT-TERM DEBT REDEEMABLE IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£'000.)

		Commo	nwealth.				Common	wealth.	States.	Total.
Date	Date.		Seasonal Securities.	States.	Total.	Date.	Treasury Bills.	Seasonal Securities.		
30th June	<del></del>					1958–59—				
1937	46,408 46,408		30th June	171,000			171,000			
1938				46,598	46,598	1959-60-				
1939				50,228	50,228	31st July	169,000			169,000
1953		225,000			225,000	31st Aug.	201,000			201,000
1954		190,000			190,000	30th Sept.	239,000			239,000
1955		160,000			160,000	31st Oct.	279,000		1,000	280,000
1956		165,000			165,000	30th Nov.	299,000	12,109	2,000	313,109
1957		150,000			150,000	31st Dec.	299,000	23,498	3,000	325,498
1958		140,000			140,000	31st Jan.	285,000	38,064	3,000	326,064
1959		171,000			171,000	29th Feb.	270,000	38,397	2,000	310,397
1960		201,000			201,000	31st Mar.	255,000	43,595	2,000	300,595
1958-59-	_					30th Apr.	195,000	25,446	1,000	221,446
31st O	ct.	228,000		3,000	231,000	31st May	183,000	12,609		195,609
30th N	OV.	254,000		3,000	257,000	30th June	201,000			201,000
31st D	ec.	282,000		5,000	287,000	1960-61-				
31st Ja	n.	268,000		5,000	273,000	31st July	195,000			195,000
28th F	eb.	229,000		5,000	234,000	31st Aug.	222,000			222,000
31st M	ar.	239,000		4,250	243,250	30th Sept.	254,000			254,000
30th A	pril	163,000		4,250	167,250	31st Oct.	286,000	17,559		303,559
31st M	ay	133,000		3,250	136,250					

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills. For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

#### COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.(a)

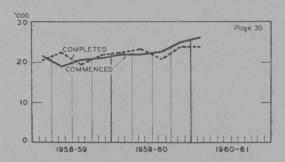
#### CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS.

(£ million.)

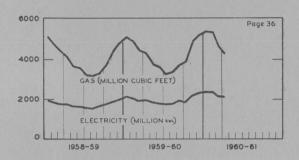
Period.	New South Wales.(4)	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six States.	Common-wealth.	Grand Total.(b
			R	EVENUE.					-
1938–39	51 1	27.0	19.3	12.3	11.0	3.6	124.3	95.1	209.5
1954–55	195.4	116.8	73.8	48.7	46.1	14.5	495.3	1,067.4	1,378.2
955–56	204.4	123.1	75.7	55.4	49.6	17.8	526.0	1,138.4	1,466.1
956–57	223.8	133.2	85.2	61.6	54.3	18.8	576.9	1,311.8	1,672.4
957–58	231.5	142.3	88.0	66.3	57.1	20.0	605.2	1,323.8	1,690.7
958–59	239.8	151.2	99.0	68.0	60.1	21.9	640.0	1,296.1	1,682.9
959–60	262.5	168.3	103.1	76.1	64.4	24.3	698.7	1,438.3	
960–61 (Estimate)	277.8	181.5	109.9	81.5	69.0	26.8	746.5	1,616.4	
958–59—	24.0	10.4	12.2	0.0	0.2	2.5	06.4	1.50 =	201
July—August	34.0	19.4	13.2	9.0	8.3	2.5	86.4	152.7	204.5
September October	51.8 69.8	29.5 40.3	20.3	13.9 19.3	12.7 18.4	4.7 5.9	132.9 181.7	227.7	308.6
	09.0	40.3	20.0	19.3	10.4	3.9	181./	309.0	420.1
959–60— July—August	37.3	21.1	13.9	10.4	9.1	2.7	94.5	155.3	211 6
July—August September	56.7	32.1	21.6	15.6	13.9	5.1	145.0	234.7	211.6 322.4
October	75.9	43.6	29.7	21.0	18.7	6.4	195.3	317.7	436.3
960-61-	,,,,	10.0	2,1,1	21.0	10.7	0.1	175.5	317.7	450.5
July—August	41.4	23.3	14.9	11.2	9.2	2.9	102.9	187.9	249.3
September	62.1	35.8	23.3	17.5	14.3	5.4	158.4	280.0	376.2
October	83.4	48.7	32.2	22.9	19.2	6.9	213.3	375.7	506.0
			Exi	PENDITURE					
938–39	53.6	27.8	19.3	12.7	11.2	3.6	128.2	95.1	213.4
954–55	197.6	115.4	73.6	50.9	46.6	14.7	498.8	1,067.4	1,381.7
955–56	211.2	126.4	77.4	56.8	51.4	17.7	540.9	1,138.4	1,481.0
956–57	223.7	137.6	85.2	61.6	56.2	19.6	583.9	1,311.8	1,679.4
957–58	231.5	145.5	89.5	66.7	58.2	20.8	612.2	1,323.8	1,697.7
958–59	239.7 262.4	153.8 168.0	100.2 103.2	69.1 76.4	61.8 65.8	22.7	647.3	1,296.1	1,690.3
						25.3	701.1	1,438.3	
960–61 (Estimate) 958–59—	277.9	181.4	110.1	81.2	69.8	27.2	747.6	1,616.4	
July—August	34.2	21.6	14.5	10.4	10.1	2.8	93.6	198.5	257.5
September	51.1	33.0	22.5	15.6	14.9	4.9	142.0	306.3	396.3
October	73.0	47.2	30.8	22.0	21.5	6.9	201.4	413.4	544.2
959–60—									2
July—August	36.9	24.1	15.5	11.6	10.8	3.2	102.1	221.1	285.0
September	54.7	35.5	24.4	17.7	15.6	5.2	153.1	326.5	422.3
October	77.1	50.5	32.7	24.0	21.2	7.3	212.8	438.9	575.0
960–61—									
July—August	39.4	25.3	16.6	11.8	11.1	3.4	107.6	223.8	289.9
September	59.0	39.5	25.4	18.0	16.7	5.7	164.3	340.2	442.3
October	83.5	54.3	34.1	24.4	22.5	8.0	226.8	458.5	602.3

<sup>(</sup>a) Represents the combined transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of the Maritime Services Board—included in the annual Budget Papers. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals have been adjusted to exclude State payments to the Commonwealth in respect of pay-roll tax and Commonwealth payments to the States included in State Consolidated Revenue Funds in respect of the interest on State debts, special grants, uniform taxation, special financial assistance, grants to universities, tuberculosis capital expenditure and National Welfare Fund payments. There are other relatively minor payments for which adjustments have not been made and the adjusted figures are therefore still slightly overstated.

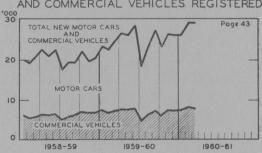
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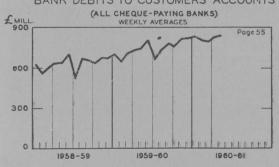
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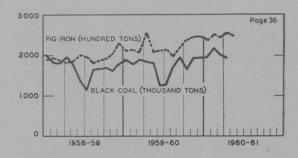
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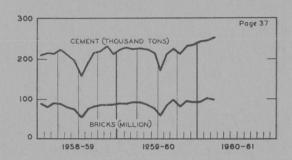
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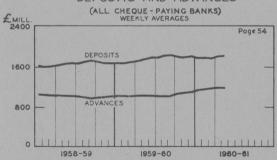
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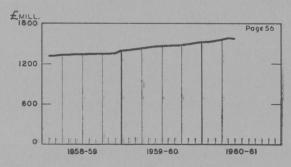
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